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UN COMMITTEE PRAISES COLONY'S EFFORTS

Geneva, May 12.

The United States government today indicated readiness to give surplus food supplies if needed for some of the estimated 667,000 Chinese refugees in Hongkong.

Mr Christopher H. Phillips, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, reminded the 20-nation executive committee of the United Nations Refugee Fund (UNREF) that the United States had given considerable quantities of surplus food to Far Eastern peoples in countries including Korea. He added:

"I feel very confident that the United States government would be prepared to make available additional surplus food supplies for distribution by voluntary agencies as circumstances might require."

Mr Phillips, who was speaking on the question of the Chinese refugees in Hongkong, said the problem was essentially a humanitarian one. There was "serious doubt" whether the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees embraced these people, he said.

"But this problem should in no way cause us to lose sight of the plight of refugees in Hongkong or anywhere in the world," he added.

Mr. Phillips paid tribute to the "fine efforts" of the British authorities in Hongkong in dealing with a very difficult situation.

Dame May Curwen, British delegate, said she was confident that questions of eligibility and divergent attitudes towards the two Chinese governments would not prevent the committee recognising the gravity of the problem and making efforts to alleviate the lot of the Chinese refugees in Hongkong.

ABSORBTION LIMIT

She said Hongkong was small and overcrowded. The number of refugees arriving in the latest exodus from China was over half a million. There was an annual increase in population of some 60,000 people.

There was a definite limit to the absorbing powers of the Colony and the problem could not be solved satisfactorily without emigration and resettlement, she said.

She stressed the difficulty of discrimination between refugees and Chinese inhabitants of long standing. There were refugees who were well off and inhabitants who were impoverished—sometimes through helping refugees. It was also hard to distinguish between political refugees and people who had come to Hongkong for economic reasons, she said.

She warned against any tendency to set the refugees apart as a privileged part of the community.

HAS NO DOUBT

Mr Cheng Pao-nan, Nationalist Chinese observer, said his government had no doubt that the Chinese refugees in Hongkong were eligible for aid by the United Nations High Commissioner.

He said that 150,000 refugees from the mainland had been resettled in Formosa since 1949. Economic and financial difficulties had prevented the acceptance of more.

Between this month and July his government would move 845 disabled Chinese ex-servicemen from Hongkong to Formosa, he said. It was hoped that 30,000 refugees might be moved from Hongkong to Formosa in due course, but this would depend on the economic situation and assistance which might be received.

Mr Cheng thanked the British authorities for "generous and consistent" assistance to the refugees in Hongkong.

Outlining the "enviable" economic situation in Hongkong, he said he hoped the British authorities might be able to do a little bit more for the refugees and that at least the refugee camps would be continued.

He urged the High Commissioner to explore possibilites of doing something, however small, for them. A word from him could mean the continuation of life for many Chinese refugees, he added.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The committee unanimously adopted a resolution sponsored by the United States, Colombia, Persia and Turkey. It requested the High Commissioner to give sympathetic encouragement to governments and organisations with a view to their assisting in alleviating the problems of the Chinese refugees in Hongkong.

The resolution noted that a report on the situation by Dr Edvard Hambro, Norwegian former Registrar at the International Court of Justice, would soon be published and would be available to governments and voluntary organisations. The resolution said the committee was moved by the concern of the report for the humanitarian problem involved and appprecated its thoroughness.

The committee did not discuss the question of whether the High Commissioner's present mandate empowers him to help the Chinese refugees in Hongkong directly. The legal position appears doubtful to virtually all governments except that of Nationalist China.—Reuter.

More Riots Expected Today

THREE DEAD IN SINGAPORE

Wave Of Strikes Arranged

Singapore, May 13.

Calm was restored late last night after a day of rioting by bus workers and student sympathisers as a result of four police charges with fire hoses and tear gas.

But the chief of the Special Branch Police, Mr Alan Blades, said: "We expect worse tomorrow", when interviewed yesterday. Blades had set up his headquarters opposite the bus company premises which he expected to be attacked at dawn today.

Officials last night stated that the disorders had been very carefully prepared by the Communist leaders, and that the rioters, who had been provided with ammonia and acid bottles to throw at the police, had acted according to a prearranged plan with unexpected discipline.

One European was reported killed, one Chinese student was shot dead and a policeman fatally injured in rioting yesterday.

Last night a mob of howling Chinese students were trying to parade their dead classmate's body before the premises of the Hock Lee bus company, where fighting between strikers—assisted by students—and the police began in the morning.

The police, using hoses and tear gas, had tried to move on pickets and supporters gathered outside the company's premises. Yesterday morning 5,000 students and rioters were milling around the district, and their numbers increased all day, until last night it was announced that an entire suburban district was filled with over 10,000 rioters.

Mr David Marshall, the Chief Minister of the newly elected Singapore Government, stated in a broadcast that the riots were "closely conforming to Communist technique in seeking to foment industrial unrest."

TEAR GAS

Along the Alexandra Road, Singapore's embattled thoroughfare, tear gas mingled last night with the fumes of ammonia from bottles thrown by the strikers and schoolboys, as police patrols sought to quell the rioting crowds.

For over two miles along Alexandra Road, near the site of the Hock Lee bus company, the road was blocked—but only temporarily. No sooner did the police erect rough barricades of stones and paving blocks than the crowds tore them down again and swarmed into the disputed area.

Several cars were overturned and set on fire, including one police car. Of the two policemen driving it, one was seriously wounded and one believed to be fatally wounded.

STUDENT DIES

A Chinese middle school student died on admission to hospital with gunshot wounds.

He is believed to have been shot by police with a sten gun burst when a mob attacked a police radio car.

Four Chinese who brought the student to the hospital have been detained for interrogation.

United Press correspondent, Gene Symonds, underwent an emergency operation for a fractured skull and arm. He is on the dangerously ill list.

The government announced today (Friday) that troops are standing by in the light of continuing mob activities.

CALLING STRIKES

A wave of strikes involving 40,000 workers in Singapore will be called in the next few days.

The strikes will paralyse nearly all industry and transport.

There may be strikes at the naval base, civil airport, Cable and Wireless and the local film industry.

All these have been called in protest against the use of force by police.

Delegates of the unions after a meeting decided to send cables protesting against police action to the British Trades Union Congress, the Indian Trade Union Congress and the government of Nepal.

It was a Gurkha platoon which earlier in the day dispersed Communist strikers.—France-Presse and Reuter.

HK Footballer Of The Year

The result of the Hongkong Footballer of the Year poll will be announced in tomorrow's China Mail.

SHOCK FOR CHURCH POLLSTERS

London, May 12.

A church report said today that about 25 per cent of 400 men and women questioned in a pool thought there was nothing wrong in premarital relations between engaged couples.

The report was issued by a commission set up after the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland decided in 1950 to investigate the leisure pursuits and habits of young people.

The report said that though the 400 were not a representative group, they were far from being an "impossibly unique group."

It said that more than a third of the 238 men and over a tenth of the 154 women thought there was nothing wrong in premarital relations between engaged couples.

Sixteen per cent of the men and four per cent of the women thought there was nothing wrong in such relations even if the couple were not engaged.—Reuter.

New Terrorism In Algeria

Algiers, May 12.

French authorities fought desperately today to quell a new outburst of terrorism and reports from Tunis said that several guerillas have been caught running arms to Algeria from Libya.

Many officers expressed alarm that the increasingly bold attacks by the rebels may turn North Africa into another Indo-China. Officers back from Vietnam said that the Algerian rebels were using precisely the same tactics as the Communist Vietminh. They disperse quietly when French troops are around, and attack when they are not.—United Press.

REDS GO INTO SECRET SESSION

London, May 12.

The eight East European Communist states headed by the Soviet Union, meeting in conference in Warsaw today, went into secret session to discuss unifying their military defences.

A communique issued after today's open session, reported by the Soviet news agency, Tass, said that a "closed session" of the conference heard a report "on problems connected with the establishment of combined armed forces". The report was presented by Soviet General of the Army, A. I. Antonov.

The communique did not give General Antonov's position in the Soviet Army, but he is a former Chief of the General Staff and a postwar commander of the Soviet Army in the Caucasus.

The Communist states are conferring at Warsaw to set up an Eastern-type NATO to match that of the West.

THE SPEAKERS

Mr Andras Hegedues, who became Prime Minister of Hungary when Imre Nagy was dismissed for rightwing "deviationism" three weeks ago, presided when the conference resumed today.

The Albanian Prime Minister, Mr Mehmet Shehu, was the first speaker. According to the communique, Dr Gheorgiu Dej, the Rumanian Premier, Mr Vulko Chervenkov, the Bulgarian Premier, and Mr Peng Teh-huai, the Chinese Communist Vice-Premier and Defence Minister who is attending the conference as an observer, also spoke at today's session.

The communique gave no details of their statements but added that commissions set up by the conference had met after dinner and that next session would be held tomorrow.—Reuter.

Good Samaritan Act Tragedy

London, May 12.

A passing motorist, Mr Frank Mills, 45, who stopped his car to help in a North London road accident late last night, collapsed and died as he telephoned for assistance.—China Mail Special.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Disarmament

THE "patience and perseverance" which Sir Anthony Eden warns must be shown before any positive results can be gained from Big Four discussions have surely been exemplified by the United Nations Disarmament Commission and its five-nation committee. Net result to date? Not by any means complete success, but at last a definite narrowing of opposing views between the Soviet Union and the Western members of the committee.

Whatever the shortcomings of the latest Russian proposals, they do at least indicate an important measure of agreement on certain essentials for world disarmament, and the five-power committee can now continue its task more optimistic of concrete achievement than at any previous time.

The principal Soviet concessions now being offered are: (1) agreement to international control agents being stationed in every country—including Russia; (2) approval of the Western proposal for a census, incorporating disclosure and verification, of each nation's strength in conventional weapons; (3) acquiescence to the West's insistence that ceilings for standing armies in Russia, America, China, Britain and France be graduated; (4) acceptance of the West's provision that atomic weapons could be used in defence against aggression.

THESE represent impressive concessions, and while it is true some of the Russian phraseology requires clarification, a basis is offered for negotiations which could bring world disarmament into the realm of reality by the end of this year.

Two points in the Russian proposals create doubt and misgiving. There appears to be an inference that the Soviets intend to have the power of the veto applied to the employment of atomic weapons even for purely defensive means. Secondly the Russians have dragged in the question of eliminating foreign bases and the withdrawal of foreign troops from Europe. Palpably this is intended to destroy the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the West European Union. It is a question which bears no relation to the reduction of national armies and conventional weapons, and the eventual abolition of nuclear weapons. It is a red herring proposal, and it may have been deliberately included by the Russians because they know it cannot be accepted by the Western powers.

Much, therefore, depends on how insistent the Soviets are about this particular condition. If they are adamant, the rest of their plan becomes valueless. Thus, while much of the latest proposals can be welcomed as an encouraging contribution to a solution of the disarmament problem, considerable clarification and some amendment is required before full agreement can be reached in the five-nation committee.

Borough Elections

Swing To Tories

London, May 13.

First results in the local council elections in about 400 boroughs in England and Wales where polling took place today showed a definite swing towards the Conservative party.

Just before midnight, the results of 256 boroughs—mainly cities and towns—declared the Conservative party had gained 145 seats and lost 20.

Labour had gained 34 seats and lost 172.

These borough council results are expected to provide a pointer for the May 26 general election.

Party leaders kept in touch with their headquarters throughout the night as the results flooded in.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Conservatives' Big Victory

London, May 13.

The Conservatives inflicted a crushing defeat on the Socialists in yesterday's municipal elections in England and Wales.

With only four results to come in this morning, the returns showed the Conservatives had won 334 seats and lost 35 and the Socialists won only 47 and lost 388.

The Liberals won 16 seats and lost eight while the Independents won 75 and lost 49.

There are no Communist councillors in England and Wales as the Party lost its only two remaining seats.

The Socialists also lost control of 11 municipal councils.—France-Presse.

Biggest Ever Fire In New York City

New York, May 12.

An 11-alarm fire, one of the biggest in New York City history, raged out of control for hours in a four-block section of Brooklyn tonight, causing damage estimated in the millions.

The fire broke out in a lumber yard and spread to a four-block area that included oil tanks, other lumber yards, coal hoppers and garages.

More than 400 firemen from 70 companies controlled the blaze.

Fire Commissioner Edward Cavanaugh made a preliminary damage estimate of $2,000,000. He said the blaze resulted in the greatest number of alarms in the City since the 1919 Standard Oil fire in Brooklyn.

Three firemen were overcome by smoke. They were treated at the scene before returning to duty.—United Press.

Dockers Vote To Strike

London, May 12.

A mass meeting of dock workers in London's East End tonight voted to strike from May 23 in support of a claim for full recognition of their union by port employers throughout the country.

The dockers belong to the small National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union—it is just over 10,000-strong—with members in London, Liverpool, Hull and Manchester.

The strike decision must now be put to the rest of London members, and if they agree to stop work, it will almost certainly spread to other dockers and cripple the nation's chief ports.—Reuter.

Parrots Escape

Paris, May 12.

One hundred screaming parrots broke loose from their cages today as they were unloaded off a plane from Johannesburg, South Africa.

Only field employees pursued the birds with biscuits but most preferred freedom to a meal.—United Press.

Ratings Charged With Murder

Plymouth, May 12.

Two 19-year-old naval ratings from the British aircraft carrier, Ark Royal, James Bannigan and Alwyn Jones, were jointly charged here today with murdering Norman Struthers, amateur actor, in a Glasgow flat.

A nation-wide manhunt followed the finding of Struthers, aged 28, dying in his apartment eight days ago after an overnight party.

The two sailors were alleged in court this morning to have caused his death by cutting him on the body with a knife or other sharp instrument and striking him on the head possibly with a microphone stand.

They were also jointly charged with stealing from his flat a watch, a wallet, camera, diary, roll of recording tape and £7 in cash.

The two men were remanded in custody to await escort to Glasgow.

A detective told the court that he arrested Bannigan on board the Ark Royal here yesterday.

He said Bannigan admitted that he and Alwyn Jones were on leave together in Glasgow up to May 4 and had returned together to their ship.

Neither man made any statement.—China Mail special.

RESIGNATION REJECTED

Rome, May 12.

Signor Giovani Gronchi, newly elected President of the Italian Republic, today refused to accept the resignation of Premier Mario Scelba's Government, offered as a courtesy gesture when the President took office, an official communique announced tonight.

Political observers expected Signor Gronchi to turn down the Premier's offer but were surprised at the length of the interview—about two and a half hours. Some observers believed that the President had asked Signor Scelba to reshuffle his Cabinet.

Official sources have maintained a strict silence about the interview.—France-Presse.

Korean Fishermen Fired On

Tokyo, May 12.

Several South Korean fishermen were severely wounded when they were fired on by North Korean troops in the west coast fishing grounds near Korea's neutral zone, South Korean intelligence sources said here today.

It is expected that the United Nations Command will protest to the North Korean Government about the incident which was reported to have occurred last Tuesday.—France-Presse.

A Special Election Series

A young Canadian whose voice is known to millions of BBC listeners begins a special series of three articles on the British General Election in the China Mail tomorrow.

He is Robert Mackenzie, political commentator and author of the widely acclaimed book "British Political Parties" published in January. Tomorrow he discusses the Tory Party.

Don't miss this topical, up-to-the-moment series to be published exclusively in the China Mail.

Other highlights of the feature-packed week-end Mail are:

★ *Will Polio be succeeded by some new and even more deadly disease?*

★ *The allies lose more than the Russians in the new Austrian treaty, says Sefton Delmer.*

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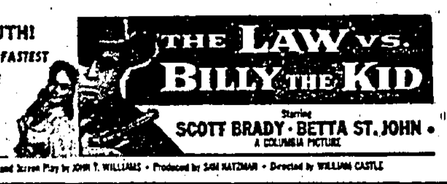

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Soviet Disarmament Proposals

AIMED AT EFFECT ON GERMAN UNITY

Bonn, May 12.

The latest Soviet proposals on disarmament are being interpreted here almost exclusively in the light of their effect on German unity — and Press and parliamentary backbench reaction is pessimistic.

Official sources refused comment until the Soviet proposals and their suggestions on Germany have been fully studied. But some senior officials say that at first sight they contain the "old kernel" —Russia's wish to neutralise Germany.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, has assured his Western allies in Paris that this is unacceptable.

REUNIFICATION AIM

Now that sovereignty has been achieved, there is general agreement in Bonn that the main aim of West German policy is national reunification.

Many of the Chancellor's advisers incline to the long-term view. They wish to consolidate West Germany's new position and make the approach to reunion through the detour of a general easing of East-West tension.

In this view there are no grounds for the assumption that a Big Four meeting of heads of state would be primarily concerned with the German question. It is held that a German solution would be made much easier if general four-power agreement was first reached on such questions as disarmament and atomic controls.

But such a long-term policy would tend to get Dr Adenauer into trouble with West German voters, observers believe. Some newspapers and parliamentarians have already seized on the prospects of big-power talks as a chance—however faint—of early German reunion.

Foreign Office quarters regard these hopes of a quick solution with the greatest scepticism.

The Social Democratic Opposition, always ready to criticise the Government for alleged lack of enthusiasm over reunion, has described the Soviet proposals as a "most useful starting point" for efforts to achieve permanent solutions to international tensions.

The independent rightwing Frankfurter Allgemeine said today the Soviet proposals "may be regarded as a rough draft of the Russian negotiations programme at the proposed four-power conference. They are sufficiently flexible to allow room for negotiations, but they do not contain the offer of German reunification."

WARNING

The mass circulation independent Die Welt of Essen warned that the Soviet proposals "contain the danger that an agreement may be reached on the basis of the continued division of Germany."

It added "this is the sore spot in the present development. It can be removed only if the Western Powers refuse to accept such a solution and make suitable counter proposals."—Reuter.

Europe Caused His Misery

London, May 12.

Mr Reginald Cedric Boustead, British rubber planter, asked his trustees in his will published today to avoid investing in continental Europe "the nations of which I feel have been responsible for the misery and desolation of my generation."

Mr Boustead, of Kingston Hill, Surrey, England, left £79,462.

He was a Director of the United Planters Company of Ceylon, the Beau Sejour Rubber Company and the Waterfall Selangor Rubber Estates, Malaya. — China Mail Special.

AMERICAN ENVOY SWORN IN

Bonn, May 12.

The United States ex-High Commissioner in West Germany, Mr James B. Conant, was sworn in today as US Special Ambassador in West Germany.

The changeover followed the granting of full sovereignty to West Germany when the Paris agreements went into effect last Sunday.

Next Saturday, Mr Conant will present his credentials to President Theodor Heuss, and then start on a protocol tour of regional capitals at the invitation of regional governments.

Meanwhile, an official communique published by the US High Commissioner's office in Berlin said it will henceforth be known as "The United States Mission in Berlin", but will carry out the same functions and duties as it has in the past.

Major-General George Honnen will remain as United States Commander in Berlin, it was announced.—France-Presse.

HIGH-HEEL SNATCHER

Oxford, May 12.

A 23-year-old tool-maker, Harry Grain, was stated in court here today to go around Oxford grabbling high-heeled shoes from women's feet in the streets.

A detective said that Grain would bend down apparently to tie his shoe lace as a woman passed, grab her ankle, snatch one shoe and run away.

At his home, police found a wardrobe full of such odd shoes.

Grain told him "every time I see a woman in high-heeled shoes, I get a queer feeling I want to take them."

He pleaded guilty to six charges of stealing single shoes from women and was ordered to pay £14 5s to them in restitution. He was also placed on probation for a year on condition that he had psychiatric treatment.—China Mail Special.

RAN RETURNING CARRIER

Canberra, May 12.

About 1,000 officers and men of the Royal Australian Navy will leave Sydney for England in the carrier Vengeance on June 16 and bring back the new RAN carrier Melbourne from Britain.

The Melbourne, one of the most modern light fleet carriers afloat, will arrive in Australian waters in May next year.

Navy Minister Josiah Francis said here the Vengeance, on loan from the Royal Navy, would return to its "owners" shortly after reaching England.

Vengeance was on loan until the Melbourne's refit in Britain was completed. — China Mail Special.

Show Thrilled Princess

"The Jazz Train", now running with great success in London, is the name of the all-Negro musical at the Piccadilly Theatre which so thrilled Princess Margaret recently that the cast stayed behind to give her a special performance. Included in this were items that had to be cut from the actual show because the "train" was running late. This Negro show is privately financed by officers of the US Air Force stationed in Britain. Half of the cast of the show came over to London from New York. The rest have been recruited from France and Italy. The show, a cavalcade of Negro song and dance through the ages, is produced by Mervyn Nelson. Photo shows: Star of the international cast, Fredye Marshall (left) in one of her thrilling scenes with Carl Lattimer.—Reuterphoto.

SAAR ACCORD A 'HAPPY EVENT'

Says Macmillan

By Harold King

Paris, May 12.

The Saar problem, persistent apple of discord between West Germany and France since the end of World War II, has been settled at last.

Mr Harold Macmillan, British Foreign Secretary, said here today this was a "happy event" and a good augury for the start of inter-European co-operation inside the seven-nation Western European Union.

Agreement on the Saar was completed today when the Saar Premier, Herr Johannes Hoffmann, agreed to accept a compromise solution on the powers of the neutral High Commissioner to be appointed by the Western European Union.

The compromise was worked out yesterday after Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, and M. Antoine Pinay, French Foreign Minister, agreed to accept any decision of the majority of the Western European Union Council.

COMPENSATION

The Saar is a rich coal and steel area on the Franco - German frontier with one million German-speaking inhabitants. After the war it was linked with France in a customs and currency union to compensate France for surrendering her reparations claims.

Last October Germany and France agreed to an autonomous statute for the Saar as part of the Paris agreements. Under the agreement a plebiscite is to be held in the Saar to determine whether the inhabitants approve the new "Europeanised" status.

It also provides that the Saar foreign policy is to be conducted by a neutral Commissioner.

Last month Dr Adenauer and M. Pinay agreed that this neutral Commissioner should have certain powers of veto over actions of the Saar Government if he thought they were contrary to the statute.

Herr Hoffmann objected strongly that this deprived the Saar Government of any real autonomy.

The compromise solution now accepted by all three countries will be published tomorrow (Friday), it was learned today.

According to the Press reports, it will give the Commissioner the right to intervene in Saar Government decisions only in cases of flagrant violation requiring urgent steps. He would have the right to hold up the decision for one week pending a decision by the WEU Council.

GERMAN FEARS

Behind the struggle over the Commissioner's powers lay German fears that the rights granted by the Saar agreement to German political parties would not be respectd.

Under the Franco-German agreement the German political parties will be allowed to operate in the Saar for the first time and will be free to advocate any policy they like for the three months prior to the plebiscite. But if the plebiscite confirms the statute, no party will be able to call it into question.

The Western European Union yesterday left the appointment of the neutral Commissioner to be settled "through diplomatic correspondence." It is believed that they agreed on several possible Scandinavian and Swiss candidates, but have still to sound out these suggestions.—Reuter.

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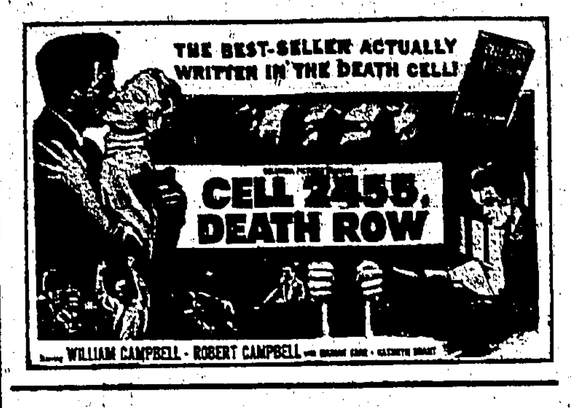

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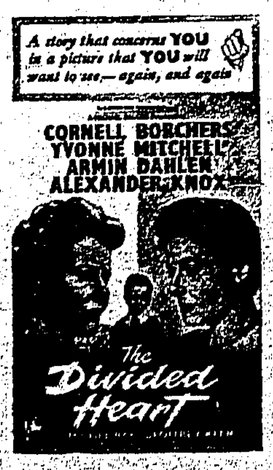

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HARD BARGAINING IS EXPECTED

By Harold Guard

London, May 12.

Diplomatic quarters said today they estimated it would take about six months for Japan to come to terms with Russia in their negotiations for a peace treaty due to open here next month.

In the first place, they said, it has taken about four months for Japan and Russia to agree on London as the meeting place and that, even at this late date, there is no official starting time for the talks.

The Japanese Embassy said June 1 had been mentioned as the opening day and that the former Japanese Ambassador to London, Mr Shunichi Matsumoto, would speak for Japan.

NOT OFFICIAL

"But so far there is nothing official about this. We have not been informed from Tokyo that the talks will open on June 1 or that Mr Matsumoto will be coming," a spokesman said.

The Russian Embassy was equally as uninformative and the only comment forthcoming in answer to questions about the peace talks was "don't know."

American diplomats, however, believe that the Russo-Japanese talks will start on schedule on June 1 and that Japan will drive a hard bargain with her ancient enemy who has been technically at war since August 8, 1945.

The talks will be followed with more than usual interest among Western diplomats here because, it is believed, a peace treaty with Russia might well mark a turning point in Japan's postwar policy.

Diplomats recognise that the Democratic Government of the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Ichiro Hatoyama, is not having things its own way in Japan where the basic political issue is whether to continue a strong pro-American policy or whether to strike out for more independence and normal relations with Russia and Red China.

On the Soviet side there are ample indications that Russia is doing its best to help Mr Hatoyama. Moscow has let it be known through its radio broadcasts that they believe a peace treaty can be achieved more easily with Mr Hatoyama as Prime Minister than with any other.

Moscow also has stated in recurrent broadcasts that the conclusion of Japan's commercial treaty with Red China plus a peace treaty with Russia would open up a great expanse of economic co-operation to relieve Japan's economy.

There have been plain hints in the Soviet broadcasts that Moscow and Peking have aligned their aims and methods to attract Japan towards the land powers of Asia.

The Soviets have let it be known that they have much to offer Japan—trade, fishing rights, support for her entry into the United Nations, the return of Japanese war prisoners and of the Habomai Islands which were occupied by Russia along with the Kuriles.

INSULAR POWER

On the Japanese side, however, there have been indications that, in order to bargain, Japan may refuse to renounce sovereignty over the Kuriles and Sakhalin quite so absolutely as she did under the San Francisco Treaty in 1952.

British diplomats likened Japan's position to that of Britain as an insular power.

They believe Mr Hatoyama must eventually turn to the land owners of Asia just as Britain has had to form a new and closer relationship with the continent of Europe.

It is recognised, however, that at stake is the future of Japan's major alliance with the United States which is vital to the Western defences against Communist expansion.—United Press.

PROSECUTION LOSES CASE

Woman Living With Native

Pretoria, May 12.

A magistrate here ruled today that a 22-year-old woman living with an African had not broken the law because the prosecution had failed to establish she was a European.

He upheld Regina Elizabeth Brooks' appeal against her conviction on a charge of contravening South Africa's Immorality Act and set aside her four-month sentence.

The Act prohibits marriage or sexual relations between Europeans and coloured races.

The prosecution claimed Brooks, living with a 30-year-old African police sergeant at Orlando location near Johannesburg, was "a European housewife." She spoke only Zulu when she was arrested.

The magistrate said today that the prosecution had failed to establish that Brooks was either in appearance obviously a European or that she was by general acceptance and repute a European.

He also set aside a similar sentence on the police sergeant. Richard Kumalo.—China Mail Special.

Polio Figures Down On Period

Washington, May 12.

A report of the United States Federal Health Service stated today that from January 1 to May 7, the total number of reported cases of poliomyelitis was 1,601 against 2,120 for the corresponding period in 1954.

The same report also showed that out of 5,000,000 people who have been vaccinated, 62 cases of confirmed polio have been registered, of whom four have died.

The Federal Health Service also noted that 149 new cases of polio were reported last week, two more than the week before and five more than the corresponding week of last year.—France-Presse.

Neo-Destour Leader Returning To Tunis

Paris, May 12.

The exiled Neo-Destour (New Constitution) Tunisian leader, Habib Bourguiba, will return to Tunis next Wednesday, it was learned today on good authority.

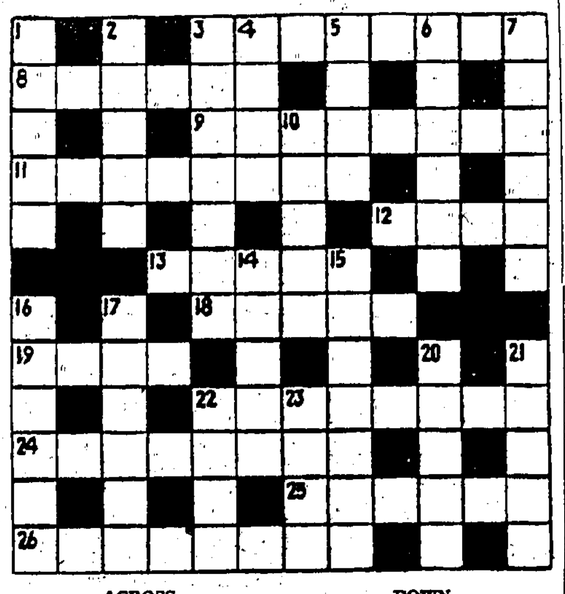
Bourguiba, who has spent more than two years in "enforced residence" and exile in France as a result of political activity, has supported the present Tunisian government in its self-rule negotiations with France.

Tunisian nationalists have demanded that he be allowed to return to Tunis in view of the successful conclusion of the home rule talks.

Informed sources said that Bourguiba would leave Paris on Monday night by the special boat train for Marseilles and that he would arrive in Tunis on Wednesday.

It is probable that two members of the Tunisian Government, which includes members of the influential Neo-Destour Party, will meet the returning exile at Marseilles for the last lap of his trip home, these sources said.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3 Syrup (8).
8 Value highly (8).
9 Military body (8).
11 Reached (8).
12 Object of worship (4).
13 First appearance (5).
18 Treated medicinally (5).
19 Shivering fit (4).
22 Title-line in newspaper (8).
24 Shift (8).
25 Builds (6).
26 Unnecessary (8).

DOWN

1 Exclude (5).
2 Condition (5).
3 Deserved (7).
4 Sign (4).
5 Greedy (4).
6 Firm (6).
7 Determine (6).
10 Class (5).
14 Uninterested (5).
15 Offers (7).
16 Inure (8).
17 Chase (6).
20 Trench (5).
21 Concise (5).
22 Cry loudly (4).
23 Grows old (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Converse, 7 Solar, 8 Arranges, 10 Remote, 13 Prefect, 15 Noel, 17 Errands, 18 Asperse, 20 Dean, 21 Satiate, 26 Duress, 27 Interest, 28 Opine, 28 Toreador. Down: 1 Usurp, 2 Blame, 3 Crate, 4 Veal, 5 Region, 6 Easels, 9 Recess, 11 Erase, 12 Often, 14 Treads, 15 Nadir, 16 Edits, 18 Addict, 19 Pastor, 22 Tutor, 23 Aerie, 24 Essen, 25 Aria.

A Lesson In International Friendship

A lesson in international friendship can be taught by the Merseyside (North West England) United Nations Boys' Club, which brings youngsters together to work and play, regardless of colour, class or creed. The Club, the only one of its kind in Europe has members between the ages of 4 and 16, representing many of the world's nationalities, including China, Africa, India, the West Indies, the Philippines, Portugal, Egypt, Great Britain, etc. The Club has a camping site at Ness in the Wirral, Cheshire, situated on the edge of the beautiful National Trust Property at Burton Wood, where regular camps are held during the summer months, the fifth season of which has just started. This United Nations Camp is just 90 minutes journey from Liverpool's overcrowded Dockland areas, where many of the Club's members live. The boys themselves run the camps, the older ones looking after and guiding the little ones. They cook for themselves on open fires, introducing each other to their various national dishes. At these camps, in an atmosphere of happy communal life, the boys learn from experience that the colour of their skins, the clothes they wear or the religion they follow are not barriers against friendship and understanding. Picture shows: Enjoying a drink of pop together in the sunshine at the United Nations Boys' Club Camp at Ness (Cheshire) are left to right: Hazur Singh (India), Toni Fayal (Portugal) and Ng Soo (China).—Express Photo.

NORTH INDO-CHINA TAKE-OVER

1m Vietnamese Will Be Stranded

Washington, May 12.

Diplomatic officials predicted today that about 1,000,000 Vietnamese who want to flee Communist rule will be stranded in North Vietnam after next Wednesday.

That is the deadline for the Communist take-over of the northern part of the Indo-Chinese nation. The flow of all refugees must stop then unless the Reds agree to extend the time limit.

The United States and some of its allies have been quietly trying to get the deadline extended so that persons still in the North can move South if they wish. But the authorities hold little hope that these efforts will succeed.

OPPOSITION

The Red Chinese Radio made clear yesterday that the Communists oppose any such extension. It called the United States effort to move the first time limit back "a trick to continue forcible evacuation."

As of April 11, some 560,000 civilian Vietnamese had fled the North for a new life in the free South. Officials estimated another 50,000 to 80,000 more would make the trip before next Wednesday's deadline.

But they said Communist obstacles and intimidation have kept another 1,000,000 from making the move. These Red tactics are in direct violation of the armistice agreement which states that civilians in either section of the divided nation "shall be permitted and helped" to move to the other section if they desire.

The Communists are reported to have done just the opposite. Refugees have told of being shot at by Red guards while trying to go South, of their children being snatched away and of heavy penalties being imposed on persons charged with encouraging refugees to go South.

As a result, many persons who would like to flee are afraid to apply.

Officials said that the outside world has been somewhat blinded to the Communist activities because of the great interest in the South Vietnamese governmental crisis. They said that the Reds have been able to "get away with murder."

Experts say that the atmosphere created by the Communists in the North makes it highly doubtful that all-Vietnam elections scheduled for next year to re-unify the nation ever will take place. They say it is impossible to conduct free elections in such an atmosphere where people get only one side of the picture—the Communist side.—United Press.

Victory For Eisenhower

Washington, May 12.

The House handed President Eisenhower a major victory today by approving intact his planned military cuts and voting a whopping $31,488,206,000 defence budget for the next fiscal year.

The action came after the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Mr Clarence Cannon, told members that any new war would be decided so fast the Army and the Navy would not even get into it.

Democrats split sharply on the issue.

Representative Daniel Flood sought in vain to restore proposed cuts in Army and Navy strength and to rebuild the Marine Corps to a previously-planned goal. His amendments were shouted down so decisively, however, that he did not even ask for a count.

Democrats backing the drive to restore the military cuts maintained the President was risking the nation's security in order to balance the budget.

Mr Eisenhower's supporters shot back that the President—a former five-star general—knew more about military matters than any House member. They also said atomic and other "fantastic" new weapons had decreased the need for uniformed men.—United Press.

Slander By Morse Code

Paris, May 12.

M. Rene Fontessac sued M. Georges Dupin for slander today for tapping out insults to his honour and fidelity in morse code on the radiator of their apartment house.

Former friendship forgotten, M. Fontessac has filed the suit in a Paris civil court and is determined to bring it to trial.

The friendship between the two men ended when M. Dupin allegedly sneered at M. Fontessac, a former Army officer, one day that he had never served in the front lines.

A few nights later, listening to his radio, M. Fontessac heard uneven beating coming up the radiator from M. Dupin's apartment below.

After a few nights, he claimed, he began taking down the dots and dashes and discovered that his honour, his fidelity and his morals were under slanderous attack.

He asked the Court to put a stop to it.—United Press.

US Sells Atomic Reactor

United Nations, May 12.

The United States will sell to the Swiss Government an experimental atomic reactor. It will be set up in Geneva to coincide with the international conference on peaceful use of atomic energy due to open there in August.

This was announced today by Mr Rabbi, US technical adviser on preparations for the conference.

The United States is to present 524 scientific reports at the peaceful atom conference, Mr Rabbi said. He added the Soviet Union had already submitted to the United Nations authorities over a hundred reports destined for the conference.—France-Presse.

FREEDOM OF PRESS HAMPERED

Government Pressure And P.R.O.s

Copenhagen, May 12.

Speakers at the morning session of the International Press Institute's General Assembly learned today that government pressure against the freedom of the Press was a serious matter nearly everywhere, needing constant vigilance to be prevented or eliminated.

Mr German Arciniegas, who lost his paper, the El Tiempo, under government pressure, outlined the present conditions in Colombia and in other Latin American nations.

He said communism was not a grave threat today, but might be the threat of tomorrow, and no help could be expected from the United Nations. A still gloomier picture would appear, however, if some of the 20 Latin American United Nations members turned Communist and supported the Iron Curtain bloc.

MORE OPTIMISTIC

Mr Sookamal Ghose of Jugantar, Calcutta, painted a more optimistic picture of the conditions in India where he said mutual understanding and trust existed between the government and the Press.

Mr Claude Desjardins of Le Parisien Libere pointed out two dangers to the liberty of the French Press:

1. The existence of a Government-controlled agency; and
2. The growing number of Press Attaches (Public Relations Officers).

The first danger was not very great, he thought, because the editors knew how to judge the agency material, but there was ample reason for continued fight against government infringement, he said.

Ahmed Yalman of Vatan, Istanbul, gave examples of month-long suspensions of Turkish papers, and appealed to the IPI to strive to make a pleasant climate for freedom.

Mr Werner Friedmann of Sueddeutsche Zeitung, Munich, proposed a resolution which suggested that the IPI from time to time publish columns on examples of government pressures.

AROUSE READERS

Mr Terkel Terkelsen of Berlingske Tidende, Copenhagen, thought there was a gap between the reader's interest for threats against the freedom in general, and their interest for pressures against the Press.

He urged the editors to close the gap and arouse the reader's interest for Press problems to the benefit of all parties.—United Press.

BIG AIR DISPLAY IN EUROPE

The Hague, May 12.

Some of the newest, as well as some of the oldest, aircraft in the world will be shown by eleven countries taking part in an international air display to be held at Ypenburg airfield near here on Whit Monday, May 30.

A famous World War I biplane, the Sopwith Pup, will engage a Bristol-built 1914-18 fighter in a mock dogfight, contrasting with the methods of ultra-modern jet fighters and bombers.

Mid-air refuelling, rocket take-off and ejector seat rescue will be demonstrated by military aircraft, which will include American Sabres, Thunderstreaks and Thunderjets, British Hunters, DH-110's, Gannets and Seahawks, and French Ouragans.

TURBO-PROP

The Bristol Britannia turboprop civil airliner, one of the chief hopes of the British aircraft industry, will be seen in Holland for the first time at this show.

Ten Turkish women will drop by parachute from a Dakota of the Turkish Air Force, and six Yugoslav women parachutists will demonstrate with parachutes with delayed opening devices.

Countries which have entered the show so far are Britain, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, Turkey, Yugoslavia and the United States.

Major Charles E. Yeager, the American test pilot who won the world air speed record in December 1953 will perform several high-speed dives in a Sabre jet.—China Mail Special.

School Boycott

Nicosia, May 12.

Greek pupils at the Larnaca School boycotted their lessons today in protest against the Paphos trial last week, in which 11 Greeks and Cypriots received a total of 47 years in prison terms on charges of smuggling dynamite and using armed force against the Government.—United Press.

Search For King's Palace

London, May 12.

The palace of Edward the Confessor is being sought again this summer by archaeologists excavating at Old Windsor. From previous work a picture of life in Saxon England is already being pieced together.

The excavations are being continued by Mr Brian Hope-Taylor, archaeological consultant to the Ministry of Works, and a team from the Berkshire Society.

Written history says that Edward the Confessor and several early Norman kings had their favourite home at Old Windsor. In Domesday times it was known as Kingsbury and was the second largest town in Berkshire.

MUCH BIGGER

The settlement is proving to be far bigger than expected and workers have had difficulty in giving an exact date for its beginnings. So far, evidence shows that it was started in about the seventh century.

Edward the Confessor is known to have had a palace or manor house on the site and the archaeologists hope to find it.

Preliminary excavations began four years ago after engineers found pottery and building fragments. But no one had any idea that they had started to uncover a lost town.

Since then enough money—including a sum from the Queen—has enabled the excavations to be carried out. Many burial sites have been uncovered.

—London Express Service.

'AQUATOT'S' FATHER SENT TO GAOL

Miami, May 12.

BURLY Russell Tongay began a 10-year prison term today for the dive death of his world-famed "Aquatot" daughter.

The ex-Coastguardsman surrendered at the County gaol 25 minutes ahead of schedule to start serving his manslaughter conviction growing out of the death of five-year-old Kathy Tongay.

His school-teacher wife, who stood loyally by him throughout the long legal fight, did not appear. His attorney, Louis Jepeway, accompanied him to the 19th floor of the skyscraper Court House gaol.

Mr Jepeway said that there are no legal grounds for appealing the conviction further. The Florida Supreme Court turned down a petition for a re-hearing earlier this week after previously upholding the conviction.

The little swimming star died on May 8, 1953, several hours after a dive from a 32-foot tower at a Miami Beach Hotel pool. Following a dramatic trial in January, 1954, an all-male Jury decided that Tongay was guilty of manslaughter. He was her trainer and supervised her diving instruction.

Tongay was moved later to a cell-block where he will remain until he is transferred to the Florida State Prison at Raiford.

During the trial the 33-year-old swimming instructor was pictured as a drill-master who made his children perform difficult aquatic stunts. At the age of 23 months, little Kathy swam five miles in the Mississippi River.—United Press.

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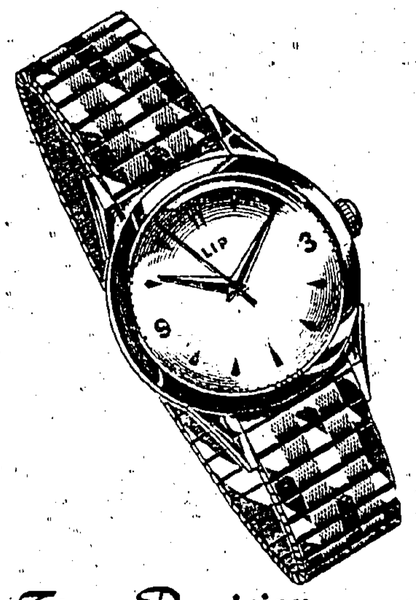

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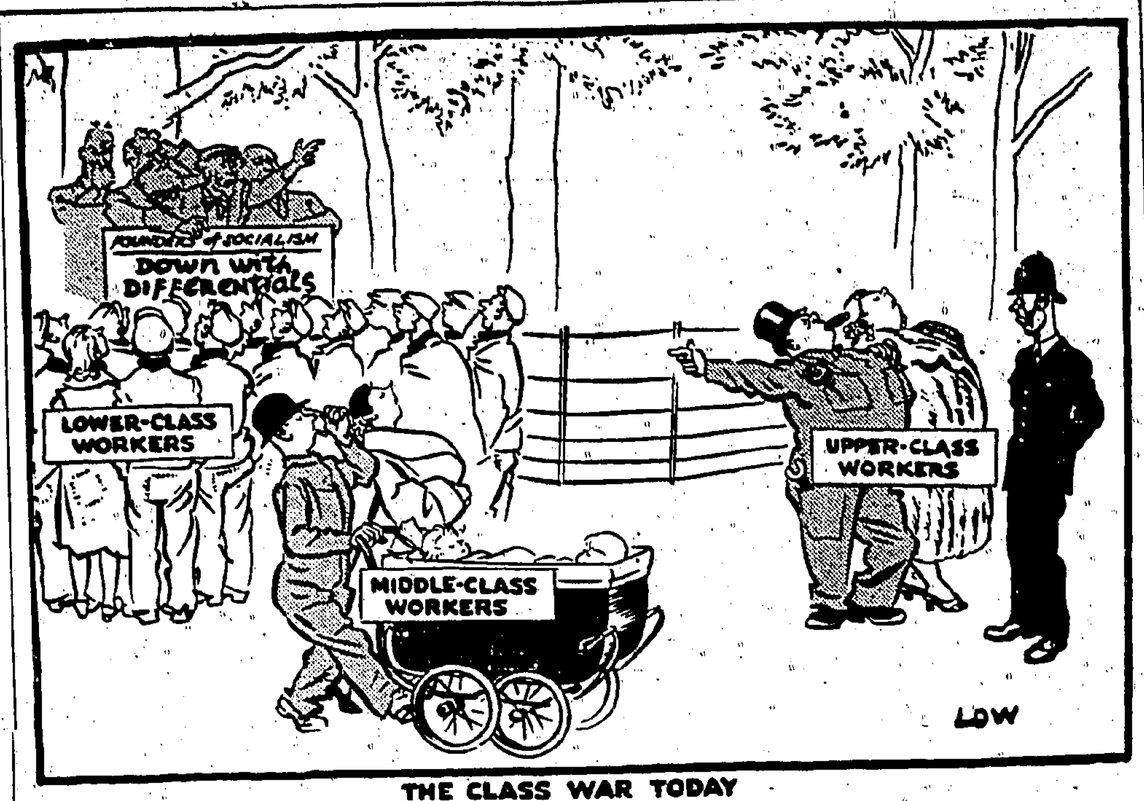

THE CLASS WAR TODAY

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The Giant Who Shook Bandung

By RANDOLPH SMITH

SIR John Lionel Kotelawala is a neutralist with a difference. He has said flatly that he wants Ceylon to be "the Switzerland of Asia" — standing between the Communists and the anti-Communists in an effort to keep the peace.

But that doesn't mean devoting himself to tell the Communists what fine, progressive people they are.

He shocked the Bandung conference by laying into "Soviet imperialism."

A little while ago, when India's Premier Nehru was explaining to the world how progressive the Chinese were and warning how disastrous another war anywhere would be, Sir John remarked tartly "All men must die sometime."

That wasn't a callous acceptance of distance. Just a reminder of Sir John's deep-rooted conviction that there are some things worse than death.

A deeply pious Buddhist, Sir John believes that death is the door to spiritual progress. But he also believes that death may be the door to regress.

What a man does in this life will decide the issue.

In the 18 months since he became Prime Minister, Sir John has been doing much.

Ceylon—a tiny country with a population of barely eight million—has become a power to be reckoned with in Asia.

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At Bandung, the delegates listened attentively and respectfully while he lambasted Russian imperialism. And, though he was nearly alone in his view, no one dared to suggest that the issue should be dropped without a discussion. Not even China's Chou En-lai.

At the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference in London four months ago, he played a leading part in drafting the plan for united Commonwealth defence. A plan with which Mr Nehru would have nothing to do.

SIR JOHN

The British Commonwealth, he feels, is one of the world's great forces for peace and progress—so long as it remains a free union of independent nations united by common consent.

As for British colonialism, he had not hesitated to use harsh words when he thought Her Majesty's Government was off the track.

He has no time for ditherers.

The year before he was Prime Minister, when he was serving as Minister of Transport and Works, he was faced with a wave of Communist-inspired strikes following the Government's decision to end the rice subsidy.

The strike threatened to wreck the economy.

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Sir John proclaimed a state of emergency and sent in the troops and the police. The Communists saw a chance for civil war and started a fracas in which 21 were killed and 175 injured.

But Sir John was too fast for them. Within two days the trouble was over.

When he became Prime Minister, one of his first acts was to pardon 2,000 civil servants who had been sacked during the strife.

But he warned them: "I will have no truck with those who believe in revolutionary methods. One of my foremost duties will be to stamp out Communism from my country."

Since then, there hasn't been a peep out of the Communists.

Even the three who sit in the Parliament where Sir John's party has 54 out of the 101 seats — the biggest opposition party has only a fifth of this number — are quiet and well-behaved.

Chou En-lai must think of Ceylon as a blot on the map.

DID IT HAPPEN?

- Another of the stories with a talking point at the end. Is it true-to-life FACT or imaginative FICTION?
- You are left to decide: DID IT HAPPEN?

IT'S TOO LATE TO LEAVE

by Emma Smith

I took a step towards the door. . . .

IT was during October, a year or two after the war, and I was staying by myself in Freaque, one of those many little walled towns you find in the South of France, built during the Middle Ages, high up in the hills for safety against invaders. From the window of my room in Freaque's only hotel, I looked out across the vineyards of the plain to the Mediterranean.

Every morning, taking with me a long stick and a packet of food put up for me by good Madame, the patronne, I started off to explore the wild and deserted country that lay round about.

One day I walked further than I had meant to do and by the time I turned round to come back it was late—too late—the sun already low. I was hurrying forward, wanting to be in my own familiar valley again before the light had quite gone, when I saw ahead of me, barring my path, a very large rough-haired black dog. As I drew anxiously nearer it began to snarl.

Now, for as long as I can remember, I have had an ineradicable dread of dogs, and I knew I never could go past this one. The best thing, I decided, was to waste no time in trying to screw up courage I had not got, but instead to make at once a detour striking the road again further up, and perhaps even achieving a short cut. I plunged off to one side into the gorse and scrub. Behind me I heard barking, and began to run.

Presently it was impossible to run, for the scrub changed into thick undergrowth, then to a shoulder-high tangle, finally into thorn. As I turned this way and that to avoid being scratched beyond endurance I forgot altogether my first direction. Pretty soon I was lost.

Although it was not quite dark, for the moon was about to rise, the sun had gone; it was cold; and for the first time the countryside surrounding me seemed friendly no longer, but alien and hostile. Extreme loneliness overcame me, and I wept a little. Then I struggled on.

Bolts slid back

I aimed uphill, in the calculation that if I so continued I must sometime arrive at a summit. It was slow and painful, for the thorn imprisoned me like a quicksand, but after rather more than an hour I came on a path. The path led me downhill for a short distance until suddenly I was walking on grass again, and before me stood a cottage with a light showing dimly in one window.

I was so thankful. I ran and knocked against the door. At this a dog began to bark, then yelped and was silent. I heard no footsteps, but after a pause a voice immediately on the other side of the door said: "Qui est la?"

"I am lost," I said. "Je me suis perdu". I could think of nothing else to say. The bolts slid back.

"Entrez mademoiselle!" And I entered, for the tone was cordial, the bristly face broken up in smiles of welcome. I went forward, past this little man in his beret and blue cotton trousers, into the room to be greeted by his wife.

AT 26 EMMA SMITH became in 1949 the youngest woman writer to win the James Tait Black Memorial Prize. It was awarded for her novel, The Far Cry, which she wrote in the South of France. She lived there for six months in 1948, after an award for her first book, Maiden's Trip.

In 1957 she married Mr. Richard Stewart-Jones — five weeks after they met at the Chelsea Arts Ball. They have one son.

It was her expression that took me aback—the intense eagerness of it. She stood in front of the fire, leaning forward across the table on one hand, while with the other she held a lamp above her head. Her face, thrust out towards me, trembled and twitched as though with great excitement, and yet her bright black eyes, staring straight at me, had a peculiar unfocused look.

Under the table lay the large rough-haired black dog, growling in a menacing though subdued fashion. I faltered, but the husband took hold of my arm familiarly from behind and pushed me on towards the fire.

He made me sit down. His wife disappeared into the shadows and came back with a bottle and glasses. I drank the pastis I hate so much and he filled my glass again. They stood on either side of my chair, bending down to have their faces on a level with mine. They talked excitedly, both at the same time, but their voices were so loud, their Midi accents so broad, I could understand scarcely a word they said. And as they talked, they touched me.

Horror

Their fingers made little darting movements to pick up the stuff of my skirt, to brush, as though by accident, my shoulder, my arm, to press against my leg. I was filled with an extraordinary horror, and the weakness of horror; I could do nothing except lean myself more and more back in my chair, and at last close my eyes.

"She is tired," said the woman. "Fatigue, fatigue," she hissed at her husband. I asked them then to tell me the road to Freaque.

"It is too late to go to Freaque," said the woman. I stood up. I was taller than either of them. "I must go," I said. "Too late, too late," she repeated, shaking her head.

No help now

I glanced about the room in a sudden access of desperation, and for the first time noticed how filthy it was, a hovel, a den. When I saw its dirtiness I grew more afraid and took a step towards the door, but the husband sprang before me. A torrent of words poured from him, some of which I understood. I was tired, he said, it was better to go to Freaque tomorrow. He looked over my shoulder, smiling; he never quite looked at me.

The pastis spun in my head; my exhaustion and the smoky warmth of the room melted together, and I stood by him listening like someone hypnotised. His wife listened, too, picking at her clothes.

"Tomorrow, tomorrow," he said, and he was urging me up the stairs with a lamp in one hand. I was too much afraid and too much confused to push past him and spring down the stairs and out into the night.

He took me into a very small room almost entirely filled by a very large bed. There were no sheets on it, but a heap of old shawls and broken blankets. He laid his head sideways on to one hand. "Dormez bien. Sleep well," he said, and backed out of the room.

I could neither move nor speak, and as I stood there heard bolts on the other side of the door being very softly shot across. "This is a dream," I said, but I tried the door and it would not open.

I stood in the middle of the room, thinking. No one in the world knows where I am. No one in the world can help me.

This was a terrible thought, so terrible that I realised I must put it from me. I must be rational: it was possible, after all, that these people were good, kind peasants and my fear a foolish fancy, in which case I could curl up on that bed and pull those disgusting rags over me and sleep like a child. At this moment a voice said, very quietly, just on the other side of the door: "Mademoiselle?" Again, I had heard no footsteps, only there was a slight scuffling at the bolts.

I said very loudly and angrily, in English: "Go away. Go away at once. Leave me alone." There was no answer, no sound. But now I knew I could not stay.

Of course, it was ridiculously easy. The window was not, in any case, far from the ground, and immediately under it stood a water barrel. The worst part was opening the window, which creaked horribly.

No sound

After that it was no more difficult than going down a step-ladder, yet I felt I was engaged on an incredibly dangerous exploit. My heart was in my mouth. I expected the door to fly open on the other side of the house, the dog to bound out upon me, the man and his wife to come rushing after with terrible shouts and cries.

But nothing happened. There was not a sound or a stirring. The grass was soft and springy, the moonlight clear. I ran, breathless with terror, down a broad path other than the one I had arrived by which a few hundred yards further on joined the road to Freaque.

I reached my hotel at midnight. Neither Madame nor Monsieur had gone to bed. They had been excessively unquiet, they said, on my account. I took hold of Madame's plump wrist with both my hands for reassurance, while I told them of where I had been and what had happened. I expected them to laugh and scoff at my terrors, but Madame looked grave and clicked her tongue often as I spoke.

"It is the good God who has protected you," she said at last. "They are mad, those people there. But mad, truly," she said, with her finger against her forehead. "I would not myself pass their door alone, no, not even in the daytime."

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YES	NO

● Put your tick in the space above and keep this panel by you until Monday . . . when the answer will be given—with another story in this series by . . .

GEOFFREY COTTERELL

★ Did yesterday's story — Credit Where Credit's Due, by Hammond Innes—actually happen? The answer: No.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

'High-Low' Is Used To Send Message

By OSWALD JACOBY

AS every experienced bridge player knows, it is possible for a defender to signal his partner to continue a suit by playing high and then low on two successive tricks. Such a "high-low" or "echo" is shown in today's hand.

West opened the king of diamonds, and East began his high-low by dropping the ten of diamonds. West next took the ace of diamonds, and East completed his signal by playing the four of diamonds. This is the reverse of the normal order, since usually a player will begin with low cards and work up to high cards instead of the other way around.

The high-low is used to convey a message to your partner: "Lead this suit again." In this case East hoped to ruff the third round of diamonds. It should have been perfectly clear to West that his partner had this in mind—and that South also could ruff the third round of diamonds and thus nullify the effect of East's ruff.

As a matter of fact, the hopelessness of continuing diamonds should have prevented West from leading the suit even a second time. He should have shifted to a club at the second trick.

Had he done so, South would have gone down without much of a struggle. The point is that a high-low is a request, not a demand. You disregard the request when you know, and your partner doesn't, that his plan will fail.

NORTH 2
♠K Q 4
♥K 10 6
♦Q 7 6 2
♣A 10 6

WEST (D)
♠9
♥Q 9 5 4
♦A K J 9 5
♣7 3 2

EAST
♠8 2
♥A J 8 3 2
♦10 4
♣K Q 8 5

SOUTH
♠A J 10 7 6 5 3
♥7
♦8 3
♣J 9 4

North-South vul.

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead—♦ K

When the hand was actually played, West did continue with the ace of diamonds at the second trick and with the jack of diamonds at the third trick. South carefully played low from the dummy and ruffed in his own hand. He then took the ace and king of spades, cashed the queen of diamonds to discard his heart, ruffed a low heart, and finessed a club around to East.

This line of play finished poor East. He couldn't return a club, since that would give dummy a free finesse. He couldn't lead the ace of hearts, since South would ruff and get to dummy with a trump to discard on the king of hearts.

In desperation East returned a low heart, but this fooled nobody. In the first place, West had already shown up with a strong five-card diamond suit, and was unlikely to have the ace of hearts in view of his original pass. In the second place, East had already stewed enough to give the situation away. South cheerfully discarded a club on the heart return, thus making his contract.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Club	Pass	1 Diamond	Pass
1 Spade	Pass	?	

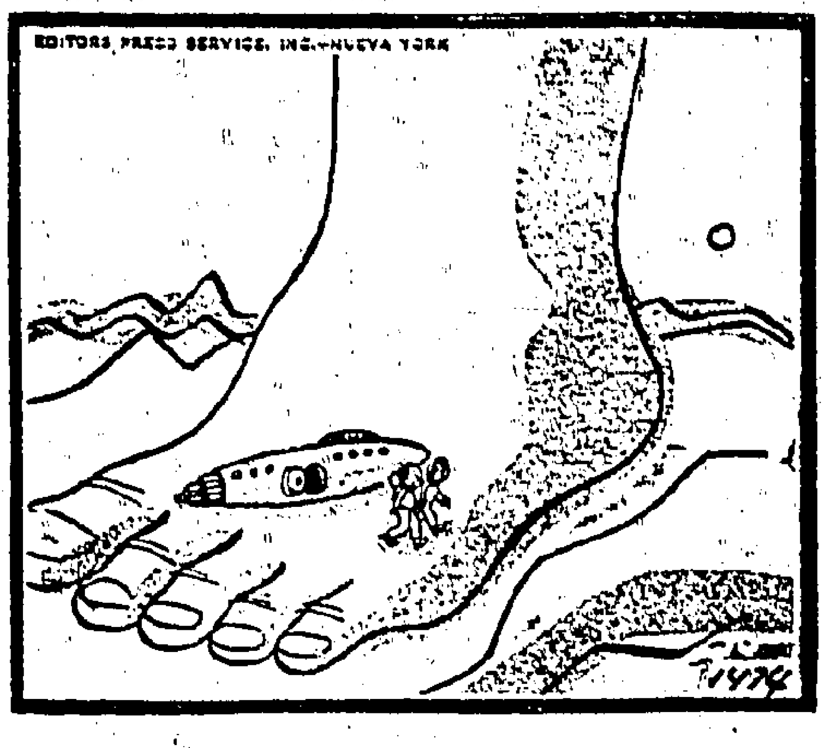
You, South, hold: Spades Q-7-3, Hearts 7-4, Diamonds A-K-J-6-5-4, Clubs K-4. What do you do?

A—Bid three diamonds. This jump suggests a very good suit with a count of 13 points or more (enough to insist on a game), but the failure to raise spades and the failure to bid no-trump are warnings that the hand is weak in the major suits.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades Q-J-3, Hearts 7-4, Diamonds A-K-Q-J-8-4, Clubs K-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow



"I doubt if there are any inhabitants on this planet."

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, MAY 13

BORN today, you are essentially the dreamer but have, in addition, the attributes of the "doer" as well. This adds up to success, for you have an active inventive mind and can think of plenty of things that should be done. Then, as long as you do them, at once, you let no one get ahead of you on the success roadway. Procrastination would defeat your best interests, however, so never delay action. Depend upon the advice of your own intuitions, for they are quite the best guide for you to follow.

Actually, you are not an aggressive person but are rather shy and retiring except when among those who are your close friends and associates. You of the feminine sex have a special attraction for members of the opposite sex and may have some difficulty in selecting a marriage partner from among several. Don't rush in making up your mind. Be sure! Your loyalties are such that even if you did make a mistake, you would never make a change after marriage. You would "grin and bear it." But there could be unhappiness in store.

Your ambition is great. If you will only learn to utilise all your talents and implement your good ideas at once, you may find that fame is knocking at your door while you are quite young.

Among those born on this date are: Sir Arthur Sullivan, composer; Milton Aborn, producer; Johnson M. Mundy, sculptor; Adolph D. Strauss, merchant; and Daphne du Maurier, author.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Do those odd jobs around the house that need attending to and then you can really relax.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Love and romance, if unwed are beckoning. If married, domestic life will be pleasantly enjoyable.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Everything should be blissful on the domestic scene today. An unexpected pleasure, perhaps!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Any of your normal Saturday activities are highly favoured. Just don't attempt much experimentation.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Tact can save a friendship today, if there is an argument brewing. It's well worth a try.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If at all possible, get out of town to visit relatives whom you do not see as often as you should.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If it's a pretty day, why not pile the whole family into the car and go on an outing?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A little tact and diplomacy will straighten out any difference of opinion occurring now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Stop, look and listen—before jumping to conlusions or making an important decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—The ruler of your own sign is somewhat adverse but a positive attitude can avert trouble.

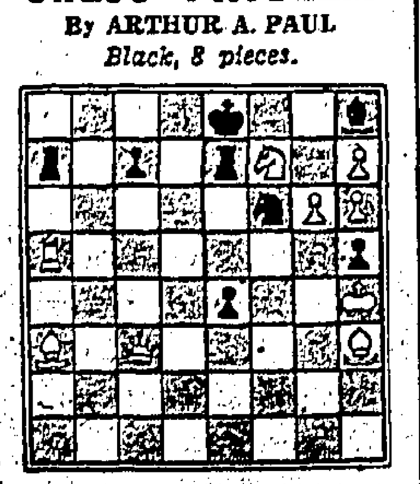
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—"Slow and sure" is what will win today's race for you. A fast spurt at the start won't help.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—It is good to be ambitious and work hard, but there are days when you should relax tensions. This is one.

CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL

Black, 8 pieces.

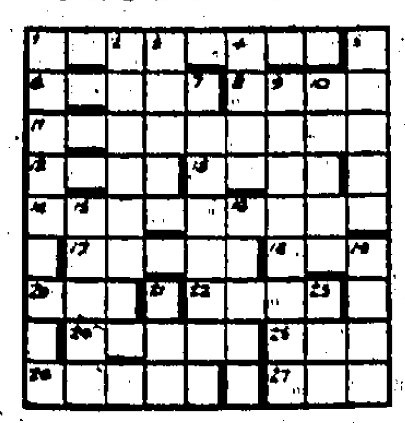


White, 9 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, Q—R1; threat 2, Q×B (ch). 1 . . . B—Kt7; 2, Q—Q1; 1 . . . B—R6; 2, R×B; 1 . . . Kt—K6, Q5; 2, P—Kt5 (dis ch); 1 . . . B—Q7, K6; 2, Kt—K4; 1 . . . P—B6; 2, B—Kt5 (ch).

CROSSWORD



Across

1. In a . . . in a badge. (8)
6. These mineral salts are very astringent. (5)
8. Remainder lies fallow. (4)
11. Rays for Miss Nightingale. (9)
12. Bole changes on your ear. (4)
13. If you're on this, it seems you daren't relax! (4)
14. Just a step from the saloon (6, 3)
17. Horse laugh. (5)
18. More than once or twice in the stilly night. (3)
20. Not so well, in the pillow. (3)
22. Pulled in by burglar. (4)
24. The foreigner gets a line changed. (5)
25. This kind of hand is not one that you sleep over. (3)
26. Lazy wheel? (5)
27. Never say this, says the lady asking for a hair rinse. (3)

Down

1. Reason for the dance makes a pen? (4-5)
2. Sounds like the forerunner of the unspeakable blonde. (4-4)
3. Little devil followed by the Spanish. (5)
4. It's a raid, but now it gets around! It's dry now. (4)
5. Best part of a rotter. (5)
7. Sounds like an Alpine killer's deed (8)
9. Gug! No bed for this poor hen. (3-6)
10. It follows the wheat in many a pub. (5)
15. Take off the splicing. (5)
16. Beginning and end of Charley's aunt. (5)
19. Red in Whitehall. (4)
21. Ma's apple one is general favourite. (3)
23. The reverse of 15 Down (3).

Yesterday's solution

TARGET

V	W	M
E	**L**	R
H	E	O

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there *must* be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no proper names; no foreign words. TODAY'S TARGET: 22 words, *good*; 26 words, *very good*, 29 words *excellent*. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Athlete ethyl hale halm halt hamlet hate heal heat heel helm helmet lath lathe methyl METHYLATE myth that thee them theme they thyme.

WOMANSENSE

New Fire-Proof Nylon

At a demonstration held at Heathcoat House, Saville Row, London Miss Joan Gilbert, the well known British T.V. personality, is illustrated trying to set fire to a dress made of a new British fire-proof nylon. The dress which is worn by Pamela Brampton is claimed to be completely fire-proof, yet it retains all the usual properties of nylon. This material has been produced after ten years' research by the John Heathcoat Laboratories.—Express Service.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

You can hurry the setting of a gelatin dessert or salad by this method. Dissolve the gelatin in a little hot water and use ice water for the remainder of the liquid called for in the recipe. Or, use ice cubes which will make the setting even faster.

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Rub a hard crust of bread across a grater when you want to remove slivers of soft cheese.

Different Ways To Serve Potatoes

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"HERE'S a jar of a new junior chopped food, Chef; string beans with potatoes."

"A very good combination, Madame; often used in Europe, but in a different form.

"There, the potatoes are peeled and cooked whole or quartered, with cut green beans, in about 2 inches of salted water, then seasoned with pepper and butter. The liquid serves as a sauce.

Potatoes and Peas

"Potatoes and green peas are also cooked in combination. In this case, the peeled potatoes are first about 2/3 cooked, then the green peas are added. By the time the potatoes are done, the peas will be tender. If frozen peas are used in this combination, they should be thawed."

"Other combinations, I like, Chef, are potatoes cooked with small-cut asparagus, or with thin-sliced carrot rounds and scallions.

"And, of course, one of the favourite dishes in Ireland is Colcannon. This is especially good with ham or smoked pork butt."

Colcannon: Slice 1 medium-sized cabbage; pare 6 good-sized potatoes. Cook separately.

Mash potatoes. Drain cabbage; chop fine; mix with potato; season with ¼ tsp. pepper and 1½ tsp. salt.

Turn into a buttered baking dish; dot with 1 tbsp. butter and brown in moderate oven, 375° F.

Potatoes escalloped with a second vegetable and cheese form an appetising luncheon dish.

Potato-Vegetable-Cheese Escallop! Arrange 8 sliced cooked potatoes in layers in buttered or margarined baking dish with 2 c. drained cooked or tinned cut green beans, green peas, or cut asparagus, 1 c. grated sharp cheese and 2 c. well-seasoned white sauce. Top with buttered crumbs. Bake 30 min. in moderate oven, 375° F.

Dinner

Frozen Shrimp Cocktail
Liver Steak with Onions
Flaky Potatoes with Green Beans
Deep-Dish Apple Pie
Coffee Tea Milk

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Proportioned to Serve 4 to 6

Frozen Shrimp Cocktail: Turn contents 1 (1 lb.) tin vegetable juice into ice cube tray. Add 1 (7 oz.) tin diced drained shrimp, ½ tbsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp. Worcestershire an 3 drops Tabasco. Freeze 45 min. or until mushy. Stir thoroughly, and continue to freeze about 1 hr. or until firm. Spoon into nests of lettuce.

Liver Steak with Onions: Order any kind of liver sliced ½" thick. Dip into boiling water, then take out immediately. Remove any tough tubes and skin.

Brush all over with melted butter, margarine or shortening. Dust with mixture of 1 tbsp. flour, 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. monosodium glutamate and ⅛ tsp. pepper.

Place in well-oiled pan; broil for 15 min. 3 in. from heating unit. Baste generously with butter twice. Turn once to brown each side. Serve with steam-fried onions.

Trick of the Chef

Heap frozen shrimp cocktail in peeled avocado halves. Garnish with watercress.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Smoke Man's Dilemma

—He Got into a Dust Storm of Sweeping—

By MAX TRELL

A THIN wispy figure rose out of the bowl of father's pipe. It was shaped like a mannikin or little man. It went floating around the room close to the ceiling, bobbing its head around as though looking for someone. However, as no one was in the room but father it finally went sailing up the stairs. It floated into one of the rooms.

A Welcome Friend

Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, saw the little smoke-mannikin entering the room.

"It's Joe the Smoke Man!" cried Knarf. "Hi, there, Joe!"

"Joe! Welcome! Come in and sit down beside us!" said Hanid joyfully.

Joe the Smoke Man, waving his wispy hands to show how pleased he was at finding his two friends, settled down on the edge of the chair. After crossing his legs six or seven times (so they looked like corkscrews), he said: "Well! I'm certainly glad to be able to rest for a few minutes."

"Why, what were you doing?" asked Hanid.

"I got caught in a dust storm," said Joe. "It was pretty awful."

"I don't see why that should be so awful," said Knarf. "Anyway what is a dust storm?"

Joe un-corkscrew his leg, then corkscrewed them the other way.

Not Like A Snowstorm

"You've been in a snowstorm, haven't you, Knarf?"

"Oh, sure," said Knarf.

"A dust storm isn't anything like that," said Joe, "At least, the dust storm I was in wasn't anything like that. It took place right inside a house."

Knarf and Hanid both looked extremely surprised, on hearing that a storm could take place inside a house.

"Oh yes, it was inside all right," said Joe. "It was all started by a big broom."

Joe now settled down and told the story. "It seemed that he was in a certain house in town. It had seemed like a very quiet house. Feeling a little nappy, he had sought out and found a pleasant corner in one of the many pleasant rooms in the house. He had curled himself up like a cat. A few moments later, he was fast asleep.

"And then," cried Joe, "I suddenly felt things hitting me. They were like baseballs. I sprang up. They weren't baseballs. They were pieces of dust. But when you're a Smoke Man like I am, pieces of dust feel like baseballs. They were coming at me from a room which a lady was sweeping up and down.

"It's a funny thing about dust," Joe went on, "most people think that all pieces of dust look alike. But they don't. Every piece of dust comes from a different thing. I mean one piece of dust might be a tiny bit of stone from a sidewalk. Another might be a tiny speck from somebody's shoes. A third piece might be a tiny bit of cloth from somebody's coat. A fourth bit might be a bit of hair from somebody's head. In other words, every speck of dust is from some different thing.

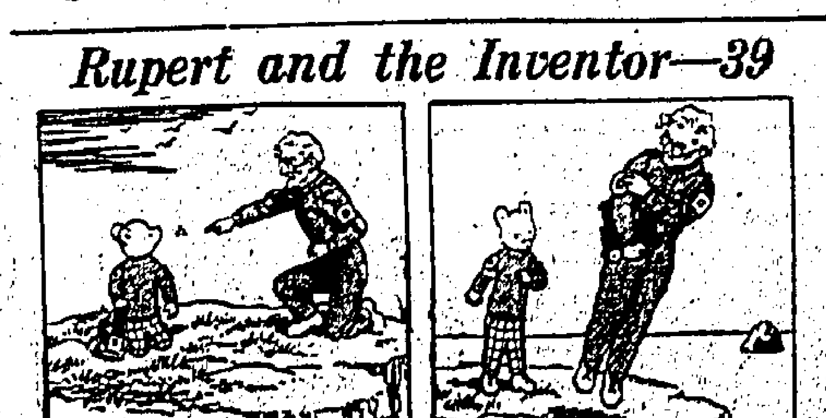
Glad to Escape

"But they all came at me like baseballs," said Joe the Smoke Man. "It was a real dust storm. Whew! I'm certainly glad I got away."

Knarf and Hanid did all they could to make Joe the Smoke Man comfortable. They hoped he was not being hit by any more baseballs of dust.

A thin wispy figure rose out of father's pipe.

Rupert and the Inventor—39



The Inventor looks so angry that Rupert becomes more nervous than ever. "Please, I've found your testing engine," he says, "and I tried to go home, but the button wouldn't work." "So that's it!" exclaims the man. "You noodle! You must have pressed the wrong button—Instead of waiting for me to fetch you back, you've fetched me out here! Come, let's stop this nonsense. Push the round badge, not the square one." He grabs the engine as he speaks, and floats gently away.

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ASIAN SPORTS REVIEW

Filipino Possibles For The Melbourne Games Selected

The Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation has issued a list of Filipino athletes and swimmers who may be considered for selection as their country's representatives at the Olympic Games at Melbourne next year.

Emphasis in the list of names issued is on youth and many well known names in Philippines athletics are not included.

Star performer among those named as possibles for the track and field athletics team is Pablo Sublingo, of the University of the Visayas, who earlier this year set a new Philippines record of 48.6 seconds for the 400 Metres run.

Included in the list are the names of Francesca Sanopal and Manolita Cinco, both possibles for the 80 Metres Hurdles. Manolita, will be remembered best as the girl whose disqualification in the final of this event at the Asian Games last year nearly caused a riot.

She was in such tremendous form last year that she may well have won the only gold medal for the Philippines in the athletics section of the Games.

This year she has been slightly overshadowed by Francesca Sanopal, who is also a good javelin thrower. But as athletes seem to have a way of being at their best every alternate year, it may be that 1956 may see Manolita in even better form than she was in 1954.

But Manolita is so small in size that this physical handicap alone may stop her going faster than 11.6 seconds, a time good enough for an Olympic semi-final but too slow for the final.

Others named as possibles for the track and field team are Cirilaco Baronda, a schoolboy high jumper who has cleared 6 feet 2¼ inches and looks the best Filipino prospect in this event since Simeon Toribio, Doroteo Amarillado, a 180-foot javelin thrower, and Pedro Lubrico, a promising 400-Metres hurdler in the 55-second class.

Completely overlooked by the selectors were some of the Philippines' most promising feminine sprinters in the stands' history—Indocencia Solis, Roberta Anore and Irene Penuela. Five-foot high jumper Lolita Lagrosas is also not on the list.

Candidate No. 1 among the swimmers is Heydee Coloso, Asian Women's 100 Metres Free Style Champion. All the Von Giese sisters, Jocelyn, Sylvia and Sonia, are on the list as are Corazon Cullen and Gertrudes Lozada.

Best known among the male selectees are Parsons Nabiula and Pedro Cayco. Also listed are Hernando Lim, F. Dayola, M. Muli, Ulpiano Babol and Agapito Lozada.

AFTER SEVEN YEARS

For the first time in seven years, Singapore's Combined Services have managed to beat the Combined Civilians in the annual cricket match. The Services won by two wickets.

Accepting a sporting challenge by the Civilians' skipper, Sheppard, they made the 195 runs needed to win in 150 minutes, scoring the last nine runs in the last over amidst tremendous excitement.

Muir, Services' West Indian left arm bowler who had a match total of eight wickets for 92 runs, scored the winning runs.

Scores were:

Civilians 251 for 8 declared (Sheppard 67, Kirkham 58, Le Mercier 46 not out) and 111 for 7 declared, Services 168 and 195 for eight. (Webb 58, Bowen-West 43 not out).

One More Match On Future Tours Of Australia

Canberra, May 12.

Matches in Canberra against a Prime Minister's team will be a regular feature of future tours of Australia by visiting cricket teams, according to Prime Minister Robert Menzies.

Mr Menzies was presenting a cheque for £A534 (about £428 sterling), the proceeds from the match played in Canberra between the Prime Minister's Eleven and the touring English team, to Mr E. R. Moore, Canberra President of Legacy, an association which looks after the children of ex-servicemen.

Mr Menzies said that the proceeds from future games would also go to charity.—China Mail Special.

South Africans 85 For 6 At Lunch

Derby, May 12.

Derbyshire were 166 runs ahead, with six second innings wickets standing, at the close of the second day's play in their match against the touring South Africans.

When stumps were drawn today, the position was:

Derby 179 and 100 for four.

South Africans 113.

The South Africans, 48 for two overnight, were 85 for six at lunch after struggling for runs against steady bowling and keen fielding. The batsmen displayed extreme caution though the pitch gave the bowlers very little help.

Scoreboard:

Derbyshire first innings 179.

South Africans first innings (overnight 48 for two) 113 all out.

D. J. McGlew, c. Dawkes, b. Morgan	23
J. Waite, lbw, b. Jackson	19
T. L. Goddard, c. Carr, b. Morgan	5
H. Tayfield, b. Jackson	6
W. R. Endean, c. Dawkes, b. Morgan	15
R. McLean, run out	6
C. Duckworth, not out	14
H. Keith, c. Carr, b. Gladwin	6
P. L. Winslow, c. Lee, b. Gladwin	13
P. Heine, lbw, b. Jackson	3
N. Adcock, c. Morgan, b. Gladwin	1
Extras	2
Total	113

Fall of wickets: 1/17, 2/41, 3/50, 4/55, 5/62, 6/85, 7/94, 8/94, 9/108, 112.

	O	M	R	W
Jackson	24	8	37	3
Gladwin	26.3	12	26	3
Morgan	19	6	40	3
Smith	5	1	8	0

Derbyshire second innings 40 for no wickets—tea.

A. Hamer, not out	22
J. Kelly, not out	15
Extras	3

Close of play: Derbyshire 100 for four.

Scoreboard:

Derbyshire second innings:

A. Hamer, c. Waite, b. Adcock	24
J. Kelly, not out	35
C. Lee, b. Adcock	0
A. C. Revill, c. Winslow, b. Heine	7
D. B. Carr, c. Waite, b. Adcock	0
H. L. Johnson, not out	30
Extras	4

First wicket fell at 42, then at 42, 53, 54.

LRC Beat USRC

In a league tennis Ladies' "A" Division match played at King's Park yesterday, Ladies' Recreation Club defeated the United Services Recreation Club (2), by seven sets to two. Results as follows:

Mrs Spooner and Mrs McCleen lost to Mrs Getz and Mrs Miller, 2-6; lost to Mrs Harrison and Mrs Fowler, 3-6; beat Mrs Kite and Mrs Armstrong 6-1.

Mrs Underwood and Mrs Wright lost to Mrs Getz and Mrs Miller, 1-6; lost to Mrs Harrison and Mrs Fowler, 3-6; lost to Mrs Kite and Mrs Armstrong, 5-7.

Mrs Fairhurst and Mrs Pepperell beat Mrs Getz and Mrs Miller, 6-3; lost to Mrs Harrison and Mrs Fowler, 0-6; lost to Mrs Kite and Mrs Armstrong, 1-6.

Johnson Beats Chataway In 880 Yards Race

Oxford, England, May 12.

Chris Chataway, the British international long distance runner, was beaten by Derek Johnson, 22-year-old Oxford Medical student, in an 880 yards event during a match here tonight between Oxford University and the English Amateur Athletic Association.

Johnson won in one minute 54 seconds, which was well outside the British record.

Chataway, who rarely runs over this distance, was third in one minute 55.9 seconds. D. C. Gorrie of Oxford was second in one minute 55.3 seconds.

The AAA team won the match by 56 points to the University's 38.

During the contest a plaque commemorating the breaking of the four-minute mile in this match last year by Doctor Roger Bannister was unveiled by Mr A. H. Smith, Vice Chancellor of Oxford University. Dr Bannister was present.—Reuter.

GOT THERE FIRST

Mok Chun-wah of the Combined Chinese (right) got his head to the ball before Army's Walters in this goalmouth melee at yesterday's Victory Shield Final between Combined Services and Combined Chinese at Caroline Hill. Combined Chinese won 4-1. — China Mail Photo.

RING TOO SMALL

Cockell's Manager Threatens To Appeal To President Eisenhower

San Rafael, Calif., May 12.

John Simpson, manager of challenger Don Cockell, today threatened to appeal as high as President Eisenhower, if necessary, in order to get a 20-foot ring instead of a 16-footer for Monday night's Heavyweight title fight with Rocky Marciano.

The promoters have erected a 16½-foot ring in Kezar Stadium for the fight. Simpson claims Cockell was promised a ring at least 20 feet square when he signed for the match. Simpson will demand a larger ring at tomorrow's meeting in the California Athletic Commission headquarters.

The irate manager said today, here at Don's training camp, "If the commission doesn't grant my request, I will appeal to the Governor of the State and to President Eisenhower, if necessary."

Simpson added that he still had a "card" up his sleeve in case all his appeals failed. That remark was interpreted to mean that he might refuse to let Cockell fight. Simpson explained that Cockell was a fighter who depended much upon footwork in the ring. For that he needs room. Accordingly, a 16-footer would cramp his style and work to the advantage of the plodding Marciano.

The State Athletic Commission will convene here tomorrow morning to hear complaints from John Simpson, manager of Don Cockell, on arrangements for the Cockell-Marciano Heavyweight title fight on Monday.

Commissioner J. E. Phillips will preside at the hearing, at which Simpson is expected to bring up questions on the following subjects:

1. The size of the ring, which he claims is too small.

2. Use of certain drugs to heal cuts.

3. Weight of the boxing gloves, which he claims are too big.

4. Fouling (and how much of it would be allowed).

Also in attendance at the meeting will be the State Chief Inspector, Willie Ritchie; Teddy Waltham, British boxing official; Al Weill, manager of Rocky Marciano, and about two dozen newspapermen.—United Press.

DAVIS CUP

CHILE TAKES 2-0 LEAD

Budapest, May 12.

Chile led by two matches to nil at the end of the first day's play in the second round of the Davis Cup Tennis competition encounter between Hungary and Chile in Budapest today.

The second singles match was won by the Chilean player Ayala, who beat Hungary's Adam by 6/3, 6/3 and 6/3.

Earlier, Hammerseley had beaten Asboth. The doubles match will be played tomorrow.—France-Presse.

New Cricket Series By Bruce Dooland Starts Tomorrow

Bruce Dooland is the best leg-spin bowler in the world today.....the ex-Australian Test player now with Nottinghamshire who has routed English county batsmen during the last two seasons that he has raised Notts from 16th to 5th place in the Championship table almost single-handed.....the man who did the "double" last summer .....the player most certain to be picked if he were eligible in any World XI, or any national eleven, today.

Bruce Dooland played for Australia against England in the 1946/7 series, and then decided to make cricket his life by coming to England.

When he joined Nottinghamshire two seasons ago, they were next to the bottom of the Championship table. In his first season, Dooland took 172 wickets ...*easily outstripping any other bowler in English cricket...and hit 970 runs.* As a result Nottinghamshire rocketed to eighth place from the top.

Last season he again outstripped every bowler in English cricket by taking 196 wickets, and topped off a personal triumph by completing his 1,000 runs, as well. As a result, Nottinghamshire went up to fifth place.

In each of his two seasons in English County Cricket, Bruce Dooland has been honoured by selection in the annual classic at Lord's or Players v Gentlemen.

IDEALLY PLACED

Bruce Dooland is ideally placed for supplying the newsy, authoritative comment we wish to supply on current cricket players, Test Matches, major games and controversial matters.

In his position of privilege... as an Australian playing in England...he will not be tied by the many restrictions which affect our active Test players. He can speak and write freely, and we are perfectly sure that readers, and selectors, will place a high value on candid comments he will have to make.

Bruce Dooland...the Aussie who is now so much an English star...will be writing every Saturday . . starting in tomorrow's China Mail.

Bruce Dooland was born in Adelaide. He is 31.

Dower-Gress Bantamweight Bout On May 31

London, May 12.

The European Flyweight Champion, Dai Dower of Wales, will meet Pierre Gress, Bantamweight Champion of Northern France, at London's Empress Hall, on May 31, it was announced here today.

The bout will be over 10 rounds at the Bantamweight limit of 118 pounds, and manager Nat Sellar described it as one of a series of warm-up fights, for Dower is prospective challenger to Argentina's World Flyweight Champion, Pascual Perez.

The British promoter, Mr Jack Solomons, is at present in the United States conducting negotiations for the Perez-Dower title fight, assuming that Perez is successful in his May 23 defence against the former Champion, Yoshio Shiral, in Tokyo.

Dower, who also holds the British and British Empire Flyweight crowns, is scheduled to meet the Belgian Bantamweight, Jean Kiddy, in Carmarthen, Wales, on May 16, and the French Flyweight, Robert Maginot, in the second week of June.

Meanwhile, Sellar has had a big offer for Dower to defend his European title against the Spanish Champion, Young Martin, at a Welsh open-air tourney.

Martin has been nominated by the European Boxing Union as Dower's challenger, but Sellar is delaying acceptance of the offer pending the result of the World title fight negotiations.—United Press.

Chicago Cubs Score 4-0 Win Over Pittsburg Pirates

Chicago, May 12.

Sam Jones, a stringbean right-hander discarded by the Cleveland Indians last winter, today threw the first no-hit, no-run game of the 1955 season, sparking the Chicago Cubs to a 4-0 triumph over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

It was the first winning no-hit game by a cub pitcher in nearly 40 years. On August 31, 1915, James Lavendor blanked the Giants 2-0 with no hits, while on May 2, 1917, Hippo Vaughn held Cincinnati hitless for nine innings but lost the game in the 10th, 1-0, as Fred Toney pitched a 10th-inning no-hitter for the Reds.

Jones was in trouble only in the ninth inning when he walked the first three batters, Gene Freese, pinch-hitter Preston Ward and Tom Saffell. But he struck out Dick Groat on three pitched balls, Bob Clemente on five and Frank Thomas on four pitches.

In all, Jones struck out six batters and walked seven, but Pittsburgh had only four base runners until the ninth. Two were erased on double plays and another was caught stealing.

It was Jones' fourth victory of the season against three defeats and his third complete game. Previously he had given up 28 hits in 44 innings, but he held Cincinnati to two hits in his last Wrigley Field appearance for one of his wins.

ANOTHER SCORE

Singles by Gene Baker and Bob Speake and a double by Ted Tappe produced a run in the first inning and Des Fondy's single and Eddie Miksi's double in the second accounted for another score.

In the fifth Tappe forced Ransom Jackson, but scored on Ernie Banks' triple, while in the seventh Tappe clubbed his second home run of the year.

Today the Pirates, who have won only 11 of 26 games, hit only five balls to the outfield.

The Cubs found no difficulty supporting Jones' hurling. They hit in every inning and left 13 on base. Altogether Chicago collected 15 hits off two Pirate hurlers, starter Nelson King and reliever Vern Law. It was the first National League no-hitter since June 12, 1954, when Jim Wilson hurled the Milwaukee Braves to a 2-0 victory over Philadelphia.—United Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer

Stanley Shield: At HKFC commencing at 6 p.m. KMB "C" v Eastern "A"; Kitchee "A" v RAMC; Eastern "B" v Police "A"; Club "A" v South China "B"; CAA v Sing Tao "A"; Army "A" v Dairy Farm; KMB "B" v South China "A"; KMB "A" v S & S Tamar.

TOMORROW

Bowls

1st Div: Recreio "B" v KCC; Recreio "W" v KBGC; IRC "G" v PRC; CCC v IRC "B".

2nd Div: KDC v FC; PRC v TC; HKCC v HKFC (HV); KCC v USRC.

3rd Div: KCC v FC; POC v KDC; USRC v PRC; HKFC v HKERC.

Soccer

Stanley Shield: At HKFC commencing at 4 p.m. C & W v St. Joseph's "B"; RAF "A" v REME; Falcon Club "B"; Prisons v Jardine; Sing Tao "B" v Police "B"; Navy v Army "B"; w/o KMB "C"/Eastern "A" v w/o Kitchee/RAMC; w/o Eastern "B"/Police "A" v w/o Club "A"/South China "B"; w/o CAA/Sing Tao "A" v Army "A"/Dairy Farm; w/o KMB "B"/South China "A" v w/o KMB "A"/S & S Tamar; w/o C & W/St. Joseph's "B" v w/o RAF "A"/REME; w/o Falcon/Club "B" v w/o Prisons/Jardine.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent their clubs in their respective Lawn Bowls League games tomorrow:

Taikoo Club

Against Police in a Second Division match at Happy Valley at 3.30 p.m. C. McLennan, G. T. Graham, W. S. MacHardy, J. H. Kinniburgh; G. Stark, W. Fraser, G. H. Clayton, J. B. Baxter; A. C. Spence, B. Douglass, R. B. Marshall, W. B. Brown.

PRC

First Division against Indian Recreation Club 'G' at Sookunpoo at 3.30 p.m. R. G. Laurel, T. N. C. Reynolds, C. Pope, J. H. Goodman; Roza Yu, W. Gillies, F. Hollands, K. F. Bodie; G. F. Watt, T. Paynton, R. O. Hughes, H. B. Dewar.

Second Division against Taikoo Club at Happy Valley at 3.30 p.m. J. H. Harris, W. J. R. Boxwall, A. J. Bennett, A. Soutar; R. L. Russell, W. Jones, T. Pilkington, C. Willcox; E. Bellamy, D. E. O'Brien, S. H. Marvin, P. Lowe.

Third Division playing away against USRC at 3.30 p.m. H. M. Bryan, J. M. Gurney, E. S. Jones, H. W. Caton; R. L. Smith, R. Porter, N. L. Nerign, G. Arliss; E. G. Jones, F. Roberts, A. E. Jones, R. Mackinzie.

USRC

Second Division against Kowloon Cricket Club at Cox's Path at 4 p.m. B. Van Zuiden, G. S. Goodyear, M. Scott, G. D. S. Agnew, R. Traill, W. Rees, N. Hart-Baker, R. M. Hetherington; O. R. Lindars, A. Fletcher, G. Hill, R. E. Read.

Third Division against Police Recreation Club at home starting at 4 p.m. S. S. Flanders, C. S. Rolfe, E. Wolstenholme, T. Curry; R. W. Booker, E. Robinson, R. F. Green, T. Wren; J. Woodward, H. Thomas, A. Buckley, A. J. Stonyer.

Spooner Saves Warwickshire From Collapse

London, May 12.

A stolid 62 not out by Spooner averted a threatened Warwickshire collapse today in their match against Worcestershire, the conquerors of the touring South Africans.

After Worcester, 127 for two overnight, had completed their first innings for 223, to lead by 81 runs on the first innings, Warwickshire lost three quick wickets and were 77 for three at tea.

But Spooner stopped the rot and, mainly through his effort, Warwickshire had reached 171 for four when stumps were drawn.

Hollies, with his leg-breaks, earlier dispelled all Worcestershire's hopes of running up a big score as he claimed seven wickets for 69 runs.

At Portsmouth, Hampshire were faced with defeat. At the close they were 87 runs behind Nottinghamshire with eight second innings wickets in hand. Nottinghamshire made 357 in their first knock, with Clay contributing 83 and Dooland 91.

At Lord's Essex were 259 runs behind with nine second innings wickets in hand against Middlesex, who knocked up 209 for seven declared and 187 in their two innings.

At Portsmouth: Hampshire 146 and 124 for two (Gray not out 66). Nottinghamshire 357 (Clay 83, Dooland 91).

At Taunton: Somerset 278 and 181 for seven (Stephenson 62). Royal Air Force 149 (Lawrence rightarm legbreak five for 44).

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire 142 and 171 for four (Spooner not out 62). Worcestershire 223 (Hollies rightarm slow legbreak seven for 69).—Reuter.

BOWLERS DOMINATE

Bowlers dominated the second day's play in the current English cricket programme today. Not a century was scored.

Eric Hollies, 42-year-old leg break bowler, became the first Warwickshire player ever to take 2,000 wickets when he dismissed seven Worcestershire batsmen for 69 at Edgbaston.

Despite this effort Worcestershire gained a first innings lead of 81 runs.

Another bowler to claim seven wickets was Fred Titmus of Middlesex, who tied up Essex with his off breaks at Lord's. His figures were seven for 52. Essex, 129 all out, were 80 runs behind on the first innings.

Freddie Trueman, fiery Yorkshire bowler, who is bidding to regain his place in the England Test side, played a big part in the rout of Oxford University with a day to spare. Fifteen University wickets fell during the day and Yorkshire won by an innings and 23 runs.

Trueman beat the batsmen by sheer pace, finishing with match figures of ten wickets for 23 runs. It was Yorkshire's second successive two-day win.

The day's batting honours went to Nottinghamshire's Australian all-rounder Bruce Dooland, who at Portsmouth hit 91 out of his County's total of 357. Hampshire, who totalled 146 in their first innings, were 124 runs in arrears with eight wickets left at the close.—Reuter.

VICTORY SHIELD FINAL

Combined Chinese In Brilliant Form

The Combined Chinese were in brilliant form in the Victory Shield final against Combined Services at Caroline Hill yesterday and won by four goals to one.

The Services held their own in the first half and the interval score was one-all. The inside forward trio of Morris, Murray and Clarke had the Chinese defence busy with several dangerous raids.

The Chinese scored first against the run of play in the seventh minute. Yiu Chek-yin slid through the defence on the left and lobbed the ball in among the defenders. Nash lost his footing on the slippery grass as he attempted to clear and Szeto Man came in from the right wing to smack the ball in.

Services equalised in the 21st minute through Murray who was playing top class football.

After half time the Chinese began to take control of the game largely on the efforts of inside forwards Yiu Cheuk-yin and Ho Chung-yau.

The Chinese led 2-1 after six minutes of the second half when Yiu Cheuk-yin worked his way through the Services' defence.

Fifteen minutes later the Chinese led 3-1 as Mok Chun-wah scored off corner kick from Szeto Man.

The final goal of the match came from Ho Chung-yau.

Though the Services held their own in the first half and tried hard enough after the initial reverses in the second, it was the great goalkeeping of Sayers that narrowed the margin of victory for the Chinese.

THE TEAMS

Combined Chinese: Wai Fat-kim (KMB); Hau Kung-sang (Sing Tao), Lau Yee (South China), Chan Fai-hung (Kitchee), Ko Po-keung (South China), Tong Sheung (South China); Szeto Man (KMB), Ho Cheung-yau (South China), Lee Yuk-tak (South China), Yiu Cheuk-yin (South China), Mok Chun-wah (South China).

Combined Services: Sayers (RAF); Nash (Army), Hayes (Army); Walters (Army), Crompton (Army), Toth (RAF); McLennan (RAF), Clarke (RAF), Morris (Army), Murray (Army), Walinsley (Army).

Referee: F. J. Stanley.

Inter-Zone Davis Cup Final At Philadelphia From Aug. 1-14

New York, May 12.

The United States Lawn Tennis Association announced today that the 1955 inter-zone Davis Cup final will be staged at Philadelphia's Germantown Cricket Club, Aug. 1 to 14.

The inter-zone final will put the European Zone Champion against the winner of the Eastern versus American Zone Champions. The best-of-five match series on the Germantown Club grass courts will determine the nation which will challenge the United States for the big silver cup at Forest Hills, New York, Aug. 26-28.

Manager Harry Hopman's Australian team, headed by Lew Hoad, Ken Rosewall and Rex Partwig, is heavily favoured in the American zone, and then whip the Eastern and European Champions to gain the challenge round.

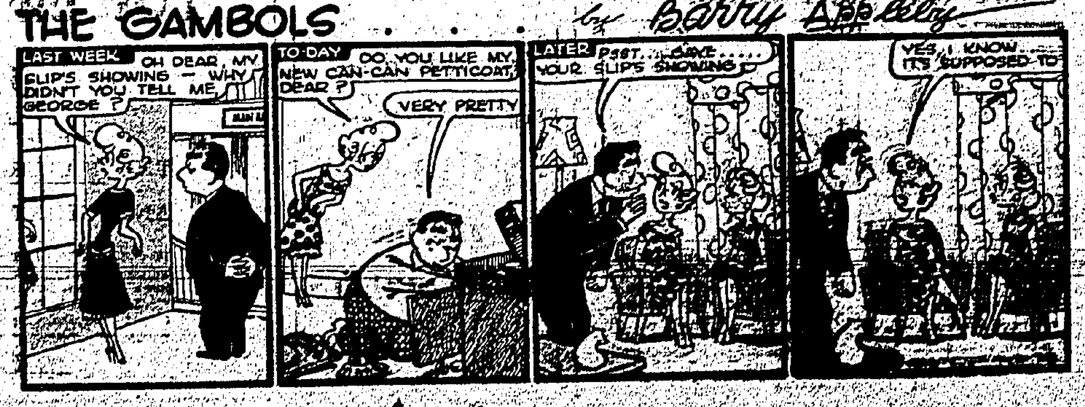
The Aussies, who lost the cup to the U.S. last December, begin their bid to regain it in a first round American zone series against Mexico at Chicago, July 15-17.

The Germantown Cricket Club was the scene of some of the finest Davis Cup matches of the 1920's. The challenge round was held at Germantown four successive years from 1924 through 1927.

The US scored a 5-0 triumph over Australia there in 1924 and defeated France 5-0 in 1925 and 4-1 in 1926. Then in 1927 France's "Four Musketeers"—Jean Rene Lacoste, Henri Cochet, Jean Borotra and Jacques Brugnon—achieved their long-sought goal. They won the cup with a 3-2 triumph over Bill Tilden, Bill Johnston and Francis Hunter.

The last Davis Cup series held in Philadelphia was the 1939 challenge round at the Merion Cricket Club. The Australian team of Bromwich and Adrian Quist rallied to win the trophy that year with a 3-2 decision over Bobby Riggs, Jack Kramer, Frank Parker and Joe Hunt of the U.S.—United Press.

THE GAMBOLS . . . . . by Barry Appleby



SHE LOOKS AFTER THE QUEEN'S HORSE

A girl often seen at race meetings looking after one of the Queen's horses is Veronica Selby, seen here leading Her Majesty's two-year-old Maple Leaf, with jockey W. H. Carr up. Veronica is a stable girl for Captain Boyd-Rochfort, the Queen's trainer, and she has Maple Leaf in her charge.—Reuterphoto.

LIKE COWDREY, TEST HOPE PETER RICHARDSON HAS NO BIG GAME NERVES

Says DENIS COMPTON

Soon after Godfrey Evans ran down the pitch in the Fourth Test at Adelaide and hit the boundary off Keith Miller that ensured England keeping the "Ashes", Len Hutton told the world that Test cricket, in the main, is a young man's game.

Those are my sentiments, too. Naturally, a leavening of experience is necessary in any successful team, but in first-class competitive sport youth undoubtedly must be given its way.

On this reckoning, England's cricket future should be rosy.

A glance at the team-sheets of the counties for 1955 will show that more and more youngsters are taking the places of pre-war players.

Why, a team could be picked of players all under 26 on June 1 this year who would capably maintain England's regained reputation as the leading cricketing power.

My choice of an under-26 team would, I am certain, give any other combination a really tough fight. It would be:—

PETER RICHARDSON (Worcestershire), MIKE STEWART (Surrey), PETER MAY (Surrey), COLIN COWDREY (Kent), KEN BARRINGTON (Surrey), BRIAN CLOSE (Yorkshire), FRANK TYSON (Northamptonshire), TONY LOCK (Surrey), KEITH ANDREW (Northamptonshire), FREDDIE TRUEMAN (Yorkshire), and BRIAN STATHAM (Lancashire), with PETER LOADER (Surrey) as twelfth man.

Even such a fine bowler as Peter Loader would have to be "drinks waiter". Look at the other fast bowlers—Tyson, Statham and Trueman.

The "veteran" would be Tony Lock—and he is not 26 until July.

VARIETY TOO

Although the emphasis in attack would be on pace, Lock's left-arm spinners and Brian Close's off-breaks would give it variety. And how the bowlers would be helped in the field!

Stewart, Lock, and Trueman would make up a trio of "snatchers and grabbers" close to the bat to rival anything even our visitors from South Africa could muster.

The batting does not look quite so all-powerful, as the tail appears rather long, but the first six would be capable of making plenty of runs.

Already this season a good deal has been written and spoken about Peter Richardson as a likely candidate for the England side.

Peter won the admiration of the Australians when he made 90 against them at Hastings in 1953. Every season since he made his debut at 18 in 1949 he has continued his improvement.

I particularly admire his watchfulness and serene temperament to match his undoubted gifts. In this respect Peter is very similar to Cawdrey.

The Surrey batsmen, Barrington and Stewart, made the headlines last year. These are early days but I feel certain captain Stuart Surridge is not too optimistic when he declares them to be exceptional prospects.

EXTRA INCENTIVE

Extra incentive for young players this summer, apart from the prospects of appearing in Test matches against the Springboks, is that good performances will put them in line for an overseas tour next winter.

MCC have arranged a "B" team tour of Pakistan which will give experience to young and promising cricketers of overseas conditions.

My forecast is that Peter May will be offered the captaincy to help groom him further for more important roles in the future.

Colin Cowdrey also has fine qualifications as a leader, but Colin will not be able to go to Pakistan as on Wednesday he began his two years' National Service in the RAF.

On the MCC tour in Australia, Colin was the champion eater and sleeper in the team.

When the Fourth Test at Adelaide was in a crucial stage and Cowdrey holding the fort, skipper Len Hutton thought a little joke might break the strain.

Knowing Colin's appetite, Len sent out twelfth man Vic Wilson, apparently with a new bat but also with a banana.

Vic was told to offer the fruit to Colin with the skipper's advice "Have this banana to keep going. I want you to bat on until the close, and don't want you to go hungry in the meantime."

Colin sent back the answer: "Thanks, skipper, but I would prefer a couple of peaches. Anyway, I'll do my best to stick it out."

At stumps, as they describe close of play in Australia, Colin was still there!

Then he *did* have his peaches—cream as well. Two helpings!—(London Express Service).

MONDAY'S BIG FIGHT

Don's £8 Fists Now Earn Him £25,000

By GEORGE WHITING

Don Cockell, a Battersea blacksmith who became a fighter so that he could become a Sussex farmer, is to fight Rocky Marciano, one-time digger of ditches and layer of gas mains, from Brockton, Massachusetts, for the Heavyweight Championship of the World in San Francisco on May 16.

Cockell, with whom I once used to toss pennies for the privilege of not paying for cups of tea on Clapham Common, will undoubtedly be bashed on such parts of his extensive anatomy as are available to Mr Marciano.

But, after the bruises are healed and the tax gatherers and free-loaders have got off his back, there should be at least £25 000 in it for Don. Which is £24,992 more than he collected for knocking out a cruiserweight called Trevor Lowder in his first professional fight at High Wycombe 11 years ago.

Further to emphasise the change in circumstances, Cockell and his wife will return from Frisco via the lush-plush route of Trans-American railways and a transatlantic liner. After disposing of Mr Lowder, they missed the last train home and spent the night curled up on a seat on High Wycombe station.

HEALTHY APPROACH

And if you ask how Cockell has come to achieve such remarkable improvements in his bank balance and mode of living, I would refer you to his spitting. I repeat—his spitting.

Cockell may or may not beat Marciano, but, depend upon it he will spit on the floor as he steps forth in San Francisco.

Cockell, a blacksmith in the tradition of Mendoza, Fitzsimmons and Vulcan himself, favours no negative tip-tap, no pardon-my-glove approach to his pugilistic trade.

His expectorations on the floors of a hundred rings in Britain, South Africa and the USA, are not simply expressions of contempt for his opponents. The man is no moron.

Rather are they the trade mark of an independence of outlook that has survived near-poverty, unexpected defeat, the barbs of critics, the faint praise of know-alls, and ever-so-funny remarks about his waist line.

WAIST OF TIME

Fatso, they called him. Tubby Hubby ... Puggy Pug ... Corpulent Cockell... Dumpling Don ... The Waist of Time ... Beach Ball ... Big Wheel ... Butterball.

These and similar tags are now being tied on Cockell in the USA just as they were here until less than two years ago. The authors, I doubt not, are brave men.

Cockell's reputation outside the ring is that of a dour, dead-pan, non-talking Cockney, short of expression and sharp of retort.

He will answer sensible questions, give you a scarifying look if you ask silly ones—and volunteer nothing.

However, having known him since he was peddling punches for honour, glory and cheap cutlery as an amateur, I have been able to penetrate some small way into the armour of reserve with which he surrounds himself.

And it was of old times that we talked on a recent visit to the Cockell family at Diamond Farm, their 45 acres of primrose-studded property at Horam, Sussex.

PRACTICAL FARMER

Cockell, by the way, is a practical farmer — as distinct from the dabblers and the dilettante. He builds his own pig pens, and not even the most privileged of guests may talk boxing until he has inspected, and been inspected by, 400 pullets, 100 pigs, 12 cows, one hay-baler, two farmhands, one canary, one aquarium, a golden retriever suffering from cramp, and a pedigree Persian cat which, starting life as Haroun-el-Raschid, now answers to the less exotic name of Racher.

Mrs Irene Cockell, your chatelaine, will also introduce the subject of sons, with particular reference to Pat, aged eight and muddy at the knees and Peter, rising three.

REMINISCENCE

However, you will eventually get round to the subject of punching people on the nose as a source of declared income, and, after the second glass of wine made by Mrs Cockell from barley grown by Mr Cockell, you will inevitably reach the stage of reminiscence.

Cockell, you will either recall or be reminded, grew up with his grandma in the unpretentious purlieus of Mendip Crescent, Battersea, broke his nose playing cricket and learned to dodge war-time bombs at Carshalton, Glasgow, and the aforementioned Battersea.

Boxing came along accidentally, after the 16-year-old Cockell, even then weighing a robust 12st. 7lb., had swum a little, shown moderate distinction as a soccer centre-half, and declared himself a half-scared non-participant when it came to rugby with Battersea Ironsides.

Instead, as a newly scrubbed member of the 42nd Tank Corps Cadet Regiment, at Clapham Junction Drill Hall, he permitted himself to be included in the boxing team and began by jabbing an untutored but purposeful left hand at the chin of a Battersea dustman called Stan Exall.

The name of the bespectacled Exall will be familiar to hundreds of amateur boxers in South-West London.

HIS TEACHER

For 25 years he has guided the 'prentice punches of the members of Calus BC, and it was in this capacity that he became the first-ever target for the forthright but unskilled swipes of the man who now fights Rocky Marciano for the Heavyweight Championship of the World.

To this day, Cockell pays cordial tribute to Exall as the coach who first taught him the rudiments of ringcraft.

A cruiserweight called Len Fowler, now in business as a city jeweller, stopped Cockell winning an amateur title when he beat him in the semi-finals of the London Championships at Slough.

But Don had his moments. Accompanied by his friend, Sergt Bill Parmenter, of the Metropolitan Police, he would set out at night on a round of the amateur tournaments in Parmenter's ancient car, seeking out any young man of comparable age and weight who might be persuaded to risk a thick ear in the cause of sport.

By the spring of 1946, 18-year-old Cockell, balancing the modest wages of a blacksmith striker against the costs of intended matrimony, decided that he had had enough of fighting for fish-knives—and turned professional.

His change of boxing status was typical of the man. Not for Cockell the insidious approach of smooth-tongued professional managers bearing gifts.

To the chippers of percentages he was unknown.

Stuffing singlet, shorts and sandwiches into his cardboard attache case, he presented himself at Jack Solomons's gymnasium off Piccadilly, parked himself inconspicuously among the cauliflower cognoscenti, and demanded the name of the stalwart young fighter on whom most of the attention seemed to be centred.

TWO ROUNDS

"That's Vince Hawkins, the next middleweight champion," he was told. "And that's his manager, John Simpson, in his corner."

Whereupon Cockell upped and spoke his piece.

"I would like to have a go with that chap," he told Simpson. And he did. Two rounds, at £1 per round—a transaction that nobody remembered to report to non-financially minded moguls of the Amateur Boxing Association.

"The kid was big, quick for his size and had a fair left hook," recalls Simpson.

"Nothing much else and he kept going round in circles, walking on to right handers, but Hawkins was training to meet Mark Hart and I was looking for left-hookers to spar with him. So I took Don down to the training camp at Eastleigh for a couple of week-ends and paid him £8.

GOOD TEAM

"Coming home Don told me he wanted to turn professional and asked if I would manage him. So I explained just what professional boxing was all about, gave him contract forms and a rule book, and told him to come back if he were still of the same mind after he had read them over."

Cockell read, marked — and signed with Simpson for five years.

"The 'mixers' have tried to part us more than once, but they get no change out of Don," says Simpson.

"We are a good team. Only once, when we were in South Africa to fight Johnny Arthur, have we had 'words.' Next morning Don came to my room, admitted the argument had kept him awake all night, and apologised. That's the kind of chap he is. Straight as a die."

MR SIMPSON

And that is as good a testimonial as you are likely to hear in the dark alleys of the boxing business.

Incidentally, the contracts for the Marciano fight were signed on February 25, 1955, which is the birthday of the manager whom Don Cockell, pugilist punctilious, still insists on calling Mr Simpson.

—*London Express Service.*

ROYAL H.K. DEFENCE FORCE ORDERS

Serial No. 19. Orders By Lieutenant Colonel O. F. Newton Dunn, Commandant Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated May 10, 1955.

Force Headquarters

Int Platoon.—Tuesday May 17, 1955. HQ RHKDF 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti.

Recce Platoon.—Sunday May 15, 1955. Rifle and Bren Practice. Parade WD Car Park Kowloon 8.30 a.m. Dress: OG Bush Shirt, Slacks, Boots, Beret. Wednesday May 18, 1955. Parade MPG 5.30 p.m. for detailing in two squads. No. 1 Squad—Sten Practice Kennedy Road Range. No. 2 Squad—Wongneichong Gap Field Sketching. Dress: Overalls, Beret. Warning Order. There will be a weekend scheme Friday/Sunday May 20-22, 1955.

The Hongkong Regiment

Training.—"A" Coy—Tuesday May 17, 1955. Peak Range (Team Pers detailed). Remainder (Trg under Pl Arrangements). RV MPG for RHQ 5.15 p.m. Dress:—No. 7. Warning Order Govt House Gd Parade as ordered. "B" Coy—Monday May 16, 1955. Coy Trg (Ex "Closewater"). Trg Film. RV MPG for RHQ 1.30 p.m. Dress: No. 8. Eqpt No. 2. "C" Coy Tuesday May 17, 1955. As per Programme. RV MPG for RHQ 5.15 p.m. Dress: No. 7. Eqpt No. 1. "D" Coy — Saturday/Sunday May 14/15, 1955 W/E Ex (10 Pl only). RV S.C. Park, Kowloon 2 p.m. May 14, 1955. Dress: No. 8. Eqpt No. 3. Bring cross braces. Small pack to contain:—Ground Sheet, Mess Tins, Spare Socks, Spare Laces, Jungle Hat, Bathing Trunks, Knife, Fork, Spoon, Water Bottle Filled & Sling on right hip Trg Pl—Monday May 16, 1955. LMG & Foot Drill. RV MPG for RHQ 5.15 p.m. Dress: Overalls and Khaki Beret. Sp Coy MMG & Mor Pl—Wednesday May 18, 1955. MMG & Mor Trg. RV MPG for RHQ 1.50 p.m. Dress: No. 8. HQ Coy Sig Pl—Wednesday May 18, 1955. 22 Dragon Trophy Shoot. RV MPG for RHQ 5.30 p.m. Dress: Civilian clothes. MT Pl—Wednesday May 18, 1955 Elementary Elec—Mag & W.T. Sten Rev. RV MPG for RHQ 5.30 p.m. Dress: No. 8. Blue beret in lieu of Jungle Hat. Friday May 20, 1955. MT & MC Cadre. RV 5.30 p.m. at RHQ. Dress: No. 3. Int Sec—Wednesday May 18, 1955. Map Reading & Compass Work. RV MPG for RHQ 5.30 p.m. Dress: Civilian clothes. Med Sec—May 18, 1955. Lecture by MO. RV 5.30 p.m. at RHQ. Dress: Civilian clothes. Cooks—Thursday May 19, 1955. Cooking Practical. RV MPG for Lyemun Bks 1.30 p.m. Dress: No. 3. Band & Corps of Drums—Monday May 16, 1955. 22 Rifle Classification Shoot (Group one) RV. 10 a.m. at RHQ. Dress: Overalls. Wednesday May 18, 1955. 22 Rifle Classification shoot (Group two) RV 10 a.m. at RHQ. Dress: Overalls. Friday May 20, 1955. 22 Rifle Classification shoot (Group three). RV 10 a.m. at RHQ. Dress: Overalls. Regt Course—Monday 16, 1955. (a) Regt Course, as detailed, parade at MPG 5.15 p.m. Dress No. 5. All detailed for this Course will be seated in the Regt Lecture Room at MPG by 5.30 p.m. (b) Opening Address—The Deputy Commander, Brigadier R.H. Bellamy, DSO, will give the opening address. (c) Absentees from Regt Course on May 9, 1955 parade at RHQ, RHKDF, at 5.15 p.m. Regt Course—Thursday May 19, 1955. Regt Course, as detailed, parade at MPG at 5.15 p.m. for HQ RHKDF. Dress: No. 5.

Home Guard

Training.—Thursday May 19, 1955. Practice Drill. Parade MPG 5.20 p.m. Dress: Overalls, Belt Beret, Frog, Rifle Sling.

Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force

Trade Training.—G.C.I. Teams Friday May 13, 1955—Radar Operators—S.O.C.—5.30 p.m. Controllers Course 2 & 3—S.O.C. 5.30 p.m. Fighter Plotters. Sunday May 15, 1955—"B" Watch—S.O.C.—9 a.m. (Full Day). Tuesday May 17, 1955—"B" Watch—S.O.C.—5.30 p.m. Thursday May 19, 1955—"A" & "B" Watches—S.O.C.—5.30 p.m. Nursing Orderlies, Wednesday May 18, 1955—Windsor House—Flt/Lt. S.S. Hamler—5.30 p.m. Thursday May 19, 1955—S.S.Q. RAF Kai Tak—9 a.m. (Half Day) Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. Wireless Operators Elementary Friday May 13, 1955—As detailed—Murray Barracks—5.30 p.m. Tuesday May 17, 1955—As detailed—Murray Barracks—5.30 p.m. Friday May 20, 1955—All personnel—HKAAF—9 a.m. (Full Day) Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. Wireless Operators Advanced Tuesday May 17, 1955—As detailed—Murray Barracks—5.30 p.m. Friday May 20, 1955—All personnel—HKAAF Hangar—9 a.m. (Full Day). Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. Equipment Assistants. Saturday May 14, 1955 HKAAF Hangar—Group 4—2 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 1.45 p.m. Sunday May 15, 1955—HKAAF Hangar—Group 3—9 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. Tuesday May 17, 1955—HKAAF Hangar—All personnel—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. M.T. Section Sunday May 15, 1955—HKAAF Hangar—A Section—9 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. F.A. Clerks Tuesday May 17, 1955—HQ Royal Hongkong Defence Force—5.30 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.15 p.m. G.D. Clerks Tuesday May 17, 1955—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. A.T.C. Friday May 13, 1955—All personnel—Link Trainer—RAF Kai Tak—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Saturday May 14, 1955—As detailed—Kai Tak Tower—12 noon to 6 p.m. (Full Day) Sunday May 15, 1955—As detailed—Kai Tak Tower 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Full Day) 12 noon to 6 p.m. (Full Day). Auxiliary Police Tuesday May 17, 1955—HQ No. 34 RAF Police District—5.45 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Friday May 20, 1955—HQ No. 34 RAF Police District—9 a.m. (Full Day) Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 8.45 a.m. Groundcrew Thursday May 12, 1955—All Groundcrew—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Saturday May 14, 1955—B Flight—HKAAF Hangar—2 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 1.45 p.m. Sunday May 15, 1955—A Flight—HKAAF Hangar—9 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. Monday May 23, 1955—All Groundcrew—HKAAF Hangar—8 a.m. (Full Day). Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 7.45 a.m.

Flying Programme.—Thursday May 12, 1955—All Pilots—HQ RHKDF—6 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.45 p.m. Saturday May 14, 1955—B Flight—HKAAF Hangar—2 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 1.45 p.m. Sunday May 15, 1955—A Flight—HKAAF Hangar—9 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m.

Hongkong Women's Auxiliary Army Corps

Training.—Monday May 16, 1955—Sigs "B": All personnel parade 5.30 p.m. MPG for HQLF. Dress: Uniform. Tuesday May 17, 1955—Sigs "A": Personnel detailed parade MPG 5.30 p.m. for HQLF. Dress: Uniform. Wednesday May 18, 1955—All personnel parade 5.30 p.m. MPG at HK Regt Hut. Dress: Mufti. Thursday May 19, 1955—All personnel parade 5.30 p.m. MPG for HQ RHKDF. Dress: Uniform. Friday May 20, 1955—Sigs "A": Personnel as detailed parade 5.30 p.m. MPG for HQLF. Dress: Uniform. Sunday May 22, 1955—First Aid: Personnel detailed parade 8.30 a.m. WD Car Park Kowloon for Kowloon Hospital. Dress: Mufti.

(Sgd) G. H. Calver, Major
for Commandant, R.H.K.D.F.

Notices

Salaries Tax.—All members of the RHKDF will be notified the total Pay and Allowances received by them during the last financial year. This information will be furnished through Company/Unit Commanders who are in possession of details of payments made to members of their respective units.

Civil Aid Services

No. 18.—Orders by the Hon. C. E. Terry, Commissioner, Civil Aid Services of May 13.

1. Pay Parades.—Pay Parades for the undermentioned units will be held as stated below. Personnel concerned will report to the Paymaster at the Pay Office, C.A.S. Headquarters, between 1730 and 1900 on these days.

Payments will not be made unless C.A.S. Identity Cards are produced.

20.5.55. (Friday). Hongkong Command Post, Kowloon Command Post, Rescue Service.

23.5.55. (Monday), Shaukiwan, Hunghom, Bay View.

25.5.55. (Wednesday). Eastern, Stanley.

27.5.55. (Friday), Western, Central.

1.6.55. (Wednesday), Upper Levels, Aberdeen.

3.6.55. (Friday), Despatch, Tsimshatsui.

6.6.55. (Monday), Transport, Mongkok.

8.6.55 (Wednesday). Yaumati, Communications.

10.6.55. (Friday), Kowloon City, Shamshuipo.

Payments to members' bank accounts will commence this month. These payments will be made quarterly as far as possible.

2. Parade Attendance Registers.—(i) Attendance Registers for May will be forwarded to the Paymaster at C.A.S. Headquarters by June 2.

(ii) In future, payments will only be made in accordance with entries in Parade Attendance Registers which have been duly initialled by Zone Warden/Sub-Unit Controller.

Letters declaring attendance at parades will not be accepted.

3. C.A.S. Pay Section—Full Day Training.—Full day training will take place on Sunday, June 5, and Sunday, June 12.

Place of Parade: C.A.S. Headquarters.

Time of Parade: 0900 to 1700 hours.

C. G. M. Mossman,
Chief Staff Officer,
Civil Aid Services.
13.5.55.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE ORDERS

Order by Mr Fung Ping-fan C.St.J., Commissioner-in-Charge of St John Ambulance Brigade Hongkong District, Order No. 19/55, Dated May 12, 1955.

Ambulance Duties — Hongkong.—15.5.55-21.5.55, Central Amb. Div. 23.5.55-28.5.55, KCOB Amb. Div. May 1955: SCAA Nsg. Div.

Ambulance Duties — Kowloon.—16.5.55-22.5.55, Shamshuipo Amb. Div. 23.5.55-29.5.55, Kowloon Amb. Div. May 1955: Shamshuipo Nsg. Div.

Penetration Squad Duties.—15.5.55, Dr L. S. Shin, Dentist W. C. Alwright, C/S O. Lucy Tang and SCAA Nsg. Div. 22.5.55, Dr Ma Yuk-chan, Dentist Poon Lam-fong, C/S Z. el Arculli and SCAA Nsg. Div.

Orderly Duties For Mainland Area Hqts. — 13.5.55, Shamshuipo Amb. Div. 14.5.55, Tsimshatsui Amb. Div. 15.5.55, Kowloon YMCA Amb. Div. 16.5.55, KYMCA Nsg. Div. 17.5.55, Kong Wah Amb. Div. 18.5.55, Kong Wah Amb. Div. 19.5.55, KYMCA Amb. Div.

Street Sleepers Shelter Society Duties — Shamshuipo. — 12.5.55-14.5.55, Shamshuipo Nsg. Div. 15.5.55-21.5.55, Waterloo Nsg. Div.

Street Sleepers Shelter Society Duties — Western Dist. — May 1955: Western Dist. Nsg. Div.

Mongkok KFWA. Assn. Clinic Duties. — 13.5.55-14.5.55, KYMCA Nsg. Div. 16.5.55-17.5.55, Waterloo Nsg. Div. 18.5.55-19.5.55, Shamshuipo Nsg. Div.

Beach Duties—Hongkong.—14.5.55, 2 p.m., Repulse Bay, Wanchai 'B' Amb. Div.; Big Wave Bay, Kennedy Town A/D, Shek-O, Sih Nan A/D. 15.5.55, 9.30 a.m., Repulse Bay, Wanchai 'A' A/D; Big Wave Bay, Western Dist. A/D; Shek-O, Central A/D. 15.5.55, 1.30 p.m., Repulse Bay, Chung Sing A/D, Big Wave Bay, Confucian A/D; Shek-O, SCAA A/D May 1955: Mamshuen Nsg. Div.

Beach Duties—Laichikok, Kowloon.—14.5.55-15.5.55, Shamshuipo Amb. Div. and KYMCA Nsg. Div. 21.5.55-22.5.55, Tsimshatsui Amb. Div. and KYMCA Nsg. Div.

Taken On Strength. — (a) Enrolment—Kong Wah Amb. Div.: Pte. Chow Chi-to enrolled w.e.f. 5.5.55. Manshuen Nsg. Div.: Amb/Sis. Agnes Chan enrolled w.e.f. 6.5.55. Chung Sing Nsg. Div.: Amb/Sis's. Lo Man-sou and Pak Kit-ching enrolled w.e.f. 6.5.55.

Decrease Of Strength.—(a) Leave—KYMCA Amb. Div.: Pte. Wong Kwai-man leave for 2 months w.e.f. 1.5.55. (b) Resignation — Abraham Cdt. Nsg. Div.: Cdt. Ho Lai-mai resigned w.e.f. 4.5.55. SCAA Nsg. Div.: Amb/Sis. Wan Wai-ling resigned w.e.f. 4.5.55. King's College Nsg. Div.: Amb/Sis's Chan Lin-yau and Lee Ki-ying resigned w.e.f. 4.5.55. Shamshuipo Amb. Div.: Pte. Chan Shiu-hum resigned w.e.f. 4.5.55.

(Sgd.) F. I. Tseung, C.St.J.
Deputy Commissioner,
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within six months of the date of the notice of their call up in the Wiener Zeitung.

Securities, subject to validation procedure, which are not submitted in accordance with the detailed provisions of the law to one of the above-named registration offices, within the stipulated time limit, become invalid on the expiration of the time limit.

Persons, who have not already deposited their internal Austrian securities, either directly or indirectly, with an Austrian bank, are recommended, in their own interest, to contact immediately, either their own bank or one of the three Austrian banks mentioned above, for the purpose of registering the securities, or a claim to such securities, in the prescribed manner within the time limits imposed, and for information as to whether a security issue has been already officially called up for validation, and, if so, the date of the expiration of the stipulated time limit, and also as to whether, as a result of an official pronouncement, a security issue has been declared exempt from the validation procedure.

Subject to compliance with foreign exchange regulations the securities may also be forwarded directly for registration to one of the three Austrian banks named above. However, in this case the respective Austrian bank requires to be specifically empowered to carry through in the name of, and for the account of, the owner of the security, all the necessary measures required by the validation procedure.

The list of securities referred to in this notice may be obtained on application to the Colonial Secretariat. The urgency of the matter is brought to the attention of members of the public because the last day of registration for some securities falls on 21st May, 1955, and on various other dates up to 22nd August, 1955, for the remainder.

Bourse Selling Spree

WORST DAY OF BIG SLUMP

Paris, May 12.

Prices on the Paris Stock Exchange fell another two to five points today—the worst day of the big slump which has been gathering strength since Monday.

After nearly two and a half years of a constantly rising market, closing prices yesterday on the Bourse were between 20 and 25 per cent lower than they were 10 days ago.

In the official cash market, pressure was so great that only about one-third of the selling orders could be executed and in the forward market 43 out of 109 shares remained unquoted.

TURNOVER

The Bourse turnover for today will not be known until tomorrow (Friday), but officials said it seemed to be about the same volume as yesterday — which was approximately 7,000,000,000 francs (about £7,000,000).

Buyers are still holding back expecting further declines at the weekend, but there is little nervousness among the brokers. The big mass of investors has left its investments untouched, a leading Stock Exchange official said.

Several brokers reported that there was no forward selling (selling ahead) indicating a belief that the market has nearly touched bottom.

Yesterday the decline had brought the price level to that of last March which Bourse officials considered normal. Today the further fall seemed to them to be excessive, judging by the intrinsic values of the shares.

There seem to be two main reasons for the sudden decline.

First, the "bull" rising market since March has driven many French industrial share prices well above their true dividend value and the market is now adjusting itself.

The second reason is the recent political revival of the former Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, who last week won control over the Radical Party machine. This has given rise to fears that next year's general election may bring into power a leftwing government with Socialist planning programmes.

BANKS' ADVICE

The French banks, which are mainly nationalised, have been advising their clients to sell to curb the rising market and their warnings seem to have a snowball effect. Now the selling wave has gone further than the authorities intended.

Other official attempts to curb the rise included the increase on forward buying margins from 50 to 75 per cent, but this had little effect on the buying spree.

Since Monday the banks have entered the market as buyers trying to cushion the downward trend, but so far this has not had much appreciable effect.

The situation is not regarded as dangerous by financiers or by the Treasury. Plenty of money is still seeking investment and once certain over speculative positions have been eliminated brokers expect the market to recover and remain healthy.

The level it will find, however, is expected to be somewhat lower than this year's peak.—Reuter.

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FRIDAY, MAY 13

By Air

Formosa, 6 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 2 p.m.
North Borneo, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

By Air

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 2 p.m.
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Philippines, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Formosa, 11 a.m.
Rabaul, Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Noon.
Thailand, 1 p.m.
Macao, 1.30 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.

NOTICE

TOLO HARBOUR FERRY SERVICE

On and after the 15th May, 1955, the timetable for the above Service will be amended as follows:—

Leaving TAIPO KAU for TAP MUN:
6.45 a.m. (Direct) (On Sundays only this ferry will leave at 7.45 a.m.)
2.15 p.m. (Via Ma On Shan, Shap Sze Heung, Lai Chi Chong and Tung Sam Ki)

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Premier's Niece Dances Can-Can

Elfrida Eden, niece of the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, will dance the Can-Can in the society play "The Lights Were Amber" which opens shortly at HMS Victory, Portsmouth. Picture shows: Elfrida Eden wearing tights, practises the Can-Can with Minty Pardo-Buller (left) and Gillian Neville Joseph.—Express Photo.

Coty Going To Denmark

Le Havre, May 12.

President Rene Coty and Madame Coty arrived here by train from Paris today and immediately embarked on the battleship Jean Bart for a state visit to Denmark.

The presidential couple were welcomed aboard the Jean Bart by the Navy Chief-of-Staff, Admiral Henri Nomy.—France-Presse.

FISHING BOATS ATTACKED

Tel-Aviv, May 12.

Israel today accused Syria of attacking unarmed fishing boats on the Sea of Galilee.

An Israel army spokesman stated in Tel-Aviv, that Israeli fishing boats today came under heavy automatic fire from Syrian positions across the Sea of Galilee.

An Israeli patrol boat returned the fire, but no Israeli casualties were reported, the spokesman added.—France-Presse.

US AID SUCCESS IN ASIA

Washington, May 12.

Russia's increasing economic activity in southern Asia is due in part at least to the success of the American aid programme in that part of the world, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate was told today by Mr George Allen, former American Ambassador to India, and now Assistant-Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

The American aid programme for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955, schedules 181 million dollars for India, Pakistan, Nepal and Afghanistan.—France-Presse.

Trans-Polar Flight

Stockholm, May 12.

The four-engined Erik Viking of the Scandinavian Airlines, which left Stockholm to fly over the North Pole on its way to Japan landed this morning at 0116 GMT at Fairbanks in Alaska, it was reported here.

The plane is carrying 40 passengers, 23 of them being Swedish delegates to a meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce in Tokyo.

Seven of the delegates are accompanied by their wives, who are the first Swedish women to fly over the Pole.—France-Presse.

Oslo, May 12.

Children are collecting pennies here to buy a gift for the discoverer of the new polio-vaccine, Dr Jonas E. Salk.

The gift will probably take the form of a painting by a contemporary Norwegian artist.—China Mail Special.

DEPOSED CARDINAL STILL OCCUPIES HIS PALACE

Seville, May 12.

The removal by the Vatican of all effective authority from Cardinal Pedro Segura, the 74-year-old Archbishop of Seville who has become famous for his outspoken criticism of the Spanish Government, of the Falange and even of General Francisco Franco himself, has created a curious situation in this ancient city.

While the Cardinal continues to occupy the Archbishop's Palace, a large and pleasant building situated just across the square from the Cathedral, to preach in the Cathedral and to preside at important religious ceremonies, all the powers of the Archbishop are wielded by Monsignor Jose Maria Bueno Monreal, the Archbishop-Coadjutor appointed by the Vatican last November.

All communications to the Archdiocese from the Vatican are directed to Monsignor Bueno Monreal to whom all administrative powers of the large Archdiocese, together with the right to succeed Cardinal Segura, were given when he was appointed.

DURING ABSENCE

Formerly Bishop of Vitoria, Monsignor Bueno Monreal, now Archbishop of Antioquia de Fisidia, actually took possession of his new post during the absence of Cardinal Segura in Rome.

In appointing him thus with full powers and right of succession, many people consider that the Vatican made it clear to Cardinal Segura that it would like to see him retire. As long as the Cardinal does not challenge any dogma of the Church, however, it seems that he cannot be removed from his position as titular Archbishop of Seville. So while he occupies the Archiepiscopal Palace, the Coadjutor lives in modest quarters in the Seminary (the Training College for Priests) and has a tiny office from which he conducts the affairs of the Archdiocese.

Cardinal Segura's supporters are furious at what they regard as the unjust treatment of their pastor. Other Catholic circles show just as clearly their support for the Archbishop-Coadjutor.

What particularly annoyed the Cardinal's supporters was the fact that Pope Pius XII not only named Archbishop Bueno Monreal as Coadjutor with full powers over the Archdiocese but also gave him the right of succession. They refer to Monsignor Bueno Monreal sarcastically as "The Crown Prince."

The austere Castilian from Burgos, one of whose first measures on reaching happy-go-lucky, sensual Seville was to ban all dancing, had been the centre of uproar and dispute long before he was named Archbishop of Seville on September 14, 1937.

PRIMATE IN 1931

Cardinal Pedro Segura was Primate of Spain on April 14, 1931, when the Spanish Republic was proclaimed following the decision of King Alfonso XIII to leave Spain.

The uncompromising, sharp-spoken Cardinal came into sharp conflict with the authorities of the Republic. He was not the diplomat needed to steer the Church through the dangers created by the advent to power of violently anti-clerical political leaders. He was detained by the Republican police on June 15, 1931, at Guadalajara and driven to the frontier. The Vatican accepted his resignation from the Primacy, and named Cardinal Goma to succeed him.

During his 17 years as Cardinal Archbishop of Seville, in over 800 Pastoral Letters read in every church in his Archdiocese and in more than 7,000 sermons which he has preached, he has stormed against Protestantism, Racialism, Communism, Freemasonry, dancing, the agreement with the United States, and many other things which he considers are harmful to Spain.

He has consistently declined to attend the regular gatherings of the Metropolitan Bishops, that is to say, of the Archbishops of Spain. He did not attend the International Eucharistic Congress in Barcelona in 1952. He declined to attend any ceremony held during General Franco's visit to Seville in 1953, and when General Franco asked a Seville Priest to say Mass for him during his stay in Seville, the Cardinal forbade this, saying that only a Priest named by himself could say Mass for the General.

His ban on all ballroom dancing led to numerous conflicts and he placed the Mayor and eight Councillors of the town of Los Palacios in "entredicho," a form of restricted excommunication from the Church, because when told that at the local annual fiestas, the religious ceremonies would be cancelled if the people held dances, the Mayor and most of the Councillors opted for the dances.

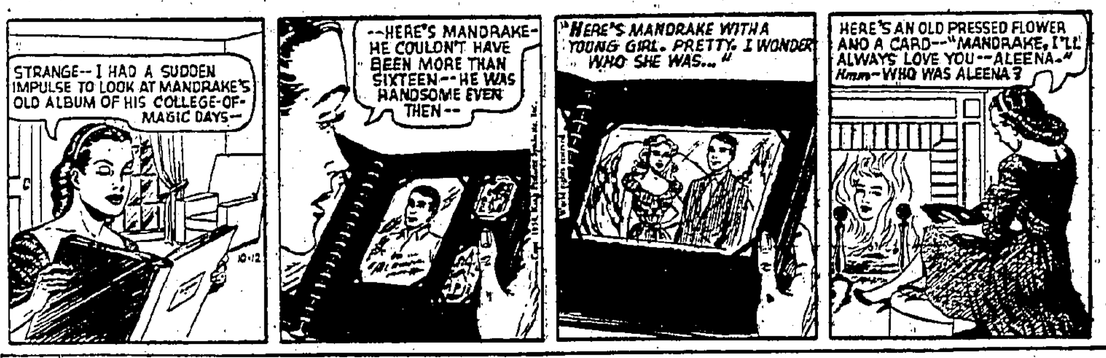
The Cardinal excommunicated the Civil Governor of Seville because the latter, as a Falangist, wanted to have memorial lists of the names of Falangists who were killed in the Civil War inscribed on the walls of the churches. In this, the Cardinal received more popular support than for most of his other measures. Catholics objected to having it made to appear that only Falangists were regarded as good Catholics.

CONTROVERSIES

Responsible religious authorities here in Seville say that the many controversies raised by the Cardinal in addition to his advanced age and his ill health were the reasons which led the Vatican to appoint an Archbishop-Coadjutor to deal with the administrative work of the Archdiocese.

These authorities deny that any political motive is involved. On the contrary, they say, if any attempt were made at political persecution of the Cardinal within Spain, the Church would undoubtedly stand firmly behind him.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN — By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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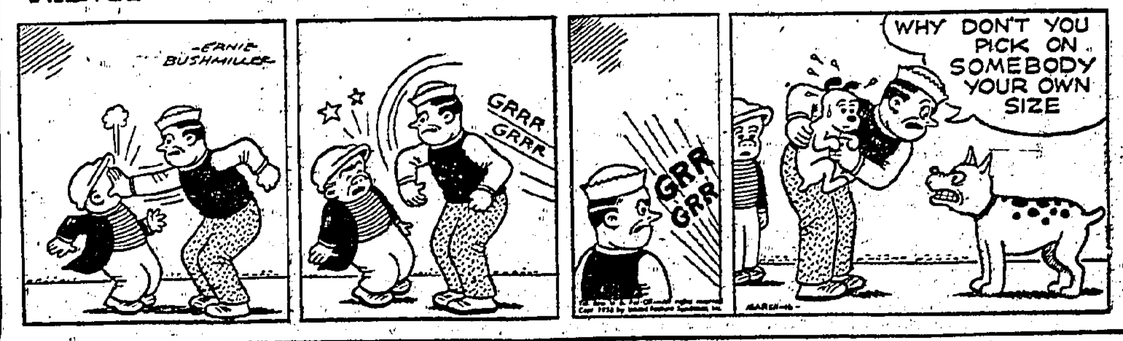

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JOHNNY HAZARD — By Frank Robbins

...this situation calls for a San Miguel

US TOLD TO ABANDON COTTON SUBSIDY IDEA

World Manufacturers And Producers Await Export Decision

Cairo, May 12.

The Egyptian Government is apprehensive of the United States cotton export policy for the coming season, and has asked the American authorities to refrain from subsidising cotton exports in order to give other cotton producing countries a "fair deal" in the world markets.

The head of the Egyptian Government Cotton Department, Farid Mustafa, said in a Press conference that the "uncertainty" regarding the United States cotton export policy has greatly reduced Egypt's cotton exports. In fact, he said, the exports of all other cotton producing countries have also been affected for the same reason.

He said that Egypt has requested the United States Department of Agriculture to put a stop to the present low in world cotton exports by announcing that no government subsidy will be given for American cotton exports in the season starting in July. By so doing, he said, America would greatly help revive world-wide cotton exports.

Egypt has been unable to sell a good part of her surplus cotton because most importing countries are awaiting the United States' decision. If that decision is to grant a government subsidy to exports, it will substantially reduce the price of American cotton, and will put it at a premium on world markets.

BRING DOWN PRICES

Foreign repercussions of such an American move would be that the other cotton producing countries will automatically have to bring down their cotton prices to even out with the American price sale.

A drop in world cotton prices would seriously affect Egypt's cotton revenue, which is the most important credit item in the national economy. That is why Egypt is actively trying to stave off an American decision to grant subsidies on cotton exports.

Mustafa pointed out that Egypt's cotton sales are at present at a near standstill. He explained that cotton importing countries are now following a "hand to mouth" policy, buying a little at a time while awaiting America's decision. Those countries, he said, are holding off their big purchasing orders in anticipation of a possible drop in world prices following an American decision to subsidise exports.

PRESSED

Mustafa recalled that the Liverpool Cotton Exchange recently pressed the American Government for an early decision for or against the subsidy policy, because the present uncertainty is causing a prejudice to long-terms contracts and an abnormal rise in the short terms.

The Egyptian official said that Egypt went one step further than Liverpool in calling for the United States to abandon the subsidy idea, because Egypt is a cotton producer herself, and the stakes are high in the eventual American decision.

Latest reports from the Sudan also indicate that cotton circles there share Egypt's anxiety on the still undefined American policy. The weekly auction sales of Gezira cotton in the Sudan have been stopped awaiting America's decision on the next season's cotton exports.—United Press.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, May 12.

Stocks ran their decline through the fourth session today but the drop was relieved by a late rally that halved early losses.

All groups were hit by the selling which boosted to more than $3,000,000,000 the drop in market valuation this week.

Steels and aircrafts were among the hardest hit, but they were among the best recovery move, too.

A small group of special issues scored strongly. Allied Chemical headed the list with a gain of more than 3. Zenith was up 2½, Honolulu Oil 2¼.

Trading for the first time picked up on the downside with turnover of 2,830,000 shares the heaviest since April 20, compared with 2,120,000 yesterday.

INDUSTRIALS LOWER

Industrial shares finished 2.09 points lower on average, with drops of nearly 3 points in US Steel and Du Pont, a point or more in American Smelting, Bethlehem Steel, among others.

Rail losses ranged around 2 points.

Utilities dropped 0.37 on average.

Aircrafts shares had losses ranging around 2 points in Douglas and General Dynamics.

Goodrich fell 3 in the tyres.

Activity centred in General Dynamics, Textrons and Boeing.

Of 1,213 issues traded, 679 were lower, 285 higher.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was 3,370,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 780,000 shares.

30 industrials	418.20
20 rails	156.93
15 utilities	63.74
65 stocks	166.57
40 bonds	99.77
Comm. future price index	155.47

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Allied Chemicals	$ 106
Allied Mills Inc.	37
Allis Chalmers	72¼
American Cable & R.	51⅝
American Metal*	51⅜
American Smelting	46½
American Tel & Tel	182¼
American Tob. "B"	70½
Anaconda Copper	59⅝
Armco Steel	73½
Armour	14⅝
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	16½
Baltimore & Ohio	44¾
Bendix Aviation Corp.	49¼
Benguet Cons.	1⅞
Bethlehem Steel	129⅝
Boeing Airplane	58¾
Borden (The) Co.	64¾
Buroughs	28½
Canadian Pacific R.	30⅞
Case (J. I. Co).	16¼
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	48¼
Chase Nat. & Man.	50¼
Chile Copper	46⅝
Chrysler Motors	75⅛
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	32⅞
Consolidated Edison	49⅝
Continental Steel	30
Corn Products	87¾
Crown Zellerbach	75¾
Cuban Amer. Sugar	10⅝
Curtis Wright	20⅝
Dupont de Nemours	195
Eastman Kodak	70⅝
El Paso National Gas	45¾
General Electric	60⅝
General Foods	94
General Motors	93¾
Gillette Safety Razor	66¼
Glidden Co.	60¾
Goodrich (B.F.) Co.	63¼
Goodyear Tire	58¼
Homestake Mining Co.	39⅝
Inland Steel Co.	70¾
Interchemical Corp.	99¾
Int'l Business Machines	409
Int'l Harvester	37⅛
International Nickel	63⅝
International Paper	99¼
Int'l Tel & Tel	25¾
John-Manville Co.	86
Kansas C. Power & Light	42½
Kennecott Copper	104
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	60¾
Lockheed Aircraft	42⅛
Loews Incorp.	20⅝
Lone Star Cement Co.	57⅛
Louisville & Nashville R.	31¾
Monsanto Chemical Co.	66⅛
Montgomery Ward	77½
National Cash Reg. "A"	42
National Distillers	26⅞
National Lead	65¾
New York Central	40¼
Otis Elevators	63⅞
Pacific Gas & Elec.	47⅛
Pan American Airways	18½
Paramount Pictures	42½
Parke Davis Co.	44¼
Penny, J. C. Co.	91⅝
Philips Petroleum	71½
Radio Corporation	40⅞
Reo Motors	16⅝
Republic Steel	83⅛
Sears	59
Sinclair Oil	52¾
Socony Vacuum	52¾
Southern Railway (Com.)	92½
Standard Brands	39⅛
Standard Oil of Cal.	78
Standard Oil of Ind.	44
Standard Oil of N.J.	111¾
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	11⅝
Swift & Co.	51⅝
Texas Co.	63
Union Carbide	92½
Union Pacific Railway	169
United Gas, Imp.	67½
U.S. Gypsum	262
U.S. Line Co.	22
U.S. Rubber	45¼
U.S. Smelting	50
U.S. Steel	82¼
Warner Bros.	18⅝
Westinghouse Electric	69⅝
West Va. Pulp & Paper	34
Woolworth	46¼

—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, May 12.

New York	2.79-9/16-2.79¼
Montreal	2.75-7/16-2.75½
Amsterdam	10.62¾-10.63¼
Brussels	139.92¼-139.97½
Copenhagen	19.40½-19.40⅞
Oslo	20.01½-20.01¾
Stockholm	14.53½-14.54
West Marks	11.78-11.78½

All others unchanged.—United Press.

World Cotton Markets

New York, May 12.

Cotton prices today developed a steadier tone following expiration of the May contract in the noon hour.

Buying credited to Carolina mill accounts, plus shipper covering anticipating additional export sales to Korea and Spain, acted to brace the price structure and eliminate small opening losses.

Closing on a rally the list showed net gains of 10 to 13 points, the market opened unchanged to off 14 points. New Orleans closed up 1 to 12 points.

The May contract see-sawed over a range of 70 cents a bale, then went off the board trading at 34.48-50 cents a pound for an overnight loss of six points. Trade sources estimated delivery notices against May today approximated 25,000 bales.

With expiration of the May delivery, traders paused for "a new look at the picture," with opinion consensus indicating day-to-day weather and crop developments hereafter will become a major price-shaping factor.

The Commodity Credit Corporation overnight reported withdrawals from the 1954 loan programme for the week ended May 6 totalled 12,174 bales. Belated data showed entries of 23,916 bales for the week.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open interest
May	16,000	36,400
July	57,200	705,100
Oct.	12,100	471,900
Dec.	17,900	477,900
Mar.	7,100	214,100
May	6,200	225,800
July	3,400	115,300
Total	119,900	2,246,500 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.85n
May	34.40 expired
July	34.19
Oct.	34.18-19
Dec.	34.22
Mar.	34.15
May	34.20
July	33.66 nom.

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed as follows:

Spot	33.95
May	34.40 expired
July	34.16-17
Oct.	34.19
Dec.	34.24
Mar.	34.22
May	34.24
July	33.61

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, American middling, in pence per lb. were as follows:

May/June	32.02
July/Aug.	30.92
Oct./Nov.	30.04
Dec./Jan.	29.94
Mar./April	29.84

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

July	29.90
October	31.70
December	32.85
March	33.45
May	32.40

In the United States, the average price of 15/16 middling cotton at ten designated spot markets today was 34.00 cents. Sales at these centres totalled 59,378 bales.—United Press.

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, May 12.

The rubber market was quiet with moderate turnover. Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	May	90½-90¾
"	June	89⅞-90
"	July	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb.	May	88⅜-88¾
No. 3 "	"	87⅜-88⅜
No. 4 "	"	87⅜-87⅝
Spot rubber unbaled		85-85½
Blanket crepe		90¾-91
No. 1 pale crepe		96½-97½

LONDON

The market was quiet but steady with spot unchanged at 27 1/16 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 spot Rss	27-27⅛
Settlement house term:	
June	26⅞-27
July/September	26½-26⅝
October/December	26-26⅛
January/March	25⅞-25⅞
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
May	26½-26¾
June	26⅜-26¾
July	26¼-26½
Estate crepe thick May and June	27⅞
thin	28¼

The New York and Amsterdam rubber prices were not available this morning.—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, May 12.

World No 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 81 contracts.

Both markets ruled steady in company with the raw situation. Locally, dealers said a few lots of nearby Philippines were available at 5.45 cents a pound, with other sugars held slightly higher.

Futures:

Contract No 4 (world).	
July	3.43
Sept.	3.42
Mar.	3.31
May	3.31
July	3.32
Spot—(cents per lb. fob Cuba)	3.41
Contract No 6	
July	5.55
Sept.	5.59
Nov.	5.61
Mar.	5.39
May	5.45
Spot—(cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)	5.45

—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, May 12.

Canada	$1.01-17/32
England official	2.79-11/16
" 30-day futures	2.79-5/16
" 90-day futures	2.78⅝
Australia	2.23¾
South Africa	2.80-1/16
Belgium	.019034

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $336,470. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
GOVT. LOANS			
3½% (1948)			4000 @ 92
BANKS			
HK Bank	1590	1605	10 @ 1595
			20 @ 1600
			30 @ 1596
East Asia	9¼		
INSURANCES			
Lombard	81½		
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav.	78c		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	68		
Provident (Ord)	12½		1500 @ 12½
			500 @ 12.60
Wheelock	7.15	7¼	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	17.30	17.40	
Humphreys Rts	16.20	16½	
	5.30		
Realty	2.05	2.10	
UTILITIES			
Tram	21.90	22.20	
Star Ferry	131		
Y'mati Ferry	106	107	50 @ 107
C. Light (O) XD	18.70	18.50	
C. Light (N) XD	14.70	14.90	
Electric	38½	38¾	4600 @ 38½
Telephone	32	32¼	
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	28		1000 @ 28½
			500 @ 28.40
			500 @ 28.30
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	20.20	20½	500 @ 20½
			800 @ 20.30
I. Crawford	25.70		
COTTONS			
Textiles		5.30	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtsze	6.20	6.30	
Allied	4.90		

CHINA SILK THROUGH HONGKONG

JAP ALLEGATION

Brussels, May 12.

Red China's silk exports to Europe are hurting Japan but as a member of the International Silk Congress meeting here said "there is little we can do about it."

Chinese exports are not on the agenda of the fifth silk congress which opened a four-day congress here last Monday but nevertheless are a chief topic among delegates.

It is estimated that Red China is exporting some 15,000 bales annually to Europe. This Government-subsidised commodity is being exported through Hongkong to Britain, France and Switzerland. Much of the British imports of silk from China are processed and re-exported labelled "Empire made."

The International Silk Association is unable to stop this alleged unfair trading as Red China is not a member of the 22-nation association. Importing countries are not very much concerned how badly Japan is hit. A British delegate said "business is business."—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per $1)	9.84
Sterling notes (per £1)	13.72
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	12.40
Siam ticals (per 100)	26.00
Singapore (Straits)	1.61
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	8.70

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Prices Are Still Rising On The Share Market

By A Special Correspondent

Share prices in a few selected groups again rose on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this week under the impetus of a further apparent improvement in the international situation and renewed demand from local and overseas Chinese investors.

The accent was on security. "Blue Chip" Utilities, Banks, Unions, and also Lands came in for demand.

Turnovers fell away to between a third and a half of the volume of the previous week and a number of shares outside these specified groups showed fractional losses.

In the Utility group Trams are up 30 cents to $21.90 (peak price for 1955: $22.60), Lights are up 40 cents to $18.80 (peak: $18.90), Electrics are up 25 cents to $38½ (peak: $40½) while Telephones are, if anything, fractionally easier on the week.

It will be seen, therefore, that the Utility leaders are approaching this year's peak levels and brokers seem quite optimistic that they will continue to improve.

Among the "gilt - edged," Banks are $35 up on the week to $1,590 yesterday while Unions closed with buyers unsatisfied at $910 ex all which is equivalent to $1,030 on a cum all basis, their top price of the year.

HOTELS STEADY

In the Land section, Hongkong Lands continue to be influenced to some degree by speculation on a possible share issue later in the year but at $67½ they are steady on the week. Over 3,000 shares changed hands yesterday.

Hongkong Hotels at $17.45 middle are steady.

In the Dock section, the most notable feature is the long-expected rise in China Providents which moved up from $11.00 to $12.40 during the week. The company has made a promising start this year and their rise has been predicted for some time on the market.

Cements at $28.70 came in for some profit-taking this week and show a loss of 50 cents since last Thursday. They may even lose a little more in the coming week but basically they remain a good buy. Their earnings for the first quarter were excellent, I hear, and the prospects are that demand for cement should continue to be good.

METAL INDUSTRIES

Metal Industries, another in the Industrial section, moved up from buyers $2.10 to buyers $2.55 and there were sales at $2.60. This interest is possibly — but not entirely — a reflection of the prosperity of the shipbreaking industry in the Colony. I have also heard some rather woolly speculation on these shares but there is no apparent basis for it. It's more on the lines of "If this happens, such and such a thing might happen, and if that happens, well . . . it is conceivable that this might happen too, and if that happens, well, you can bet your bottom dollar that Metal Industries will jump."

In the Stores section, Dairy Farms at $20.30 and Watsons at $13.10 are roughly steady.

Textiles have been selling at $5.80 this week but otherwise the Cotton section has been very quiet.

The Singapore rubber price is up slightly but the shares have had another quiet week in Hongkong.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, May 13.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.40
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	33s
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ord.	30s
Fraser & Neave Ltd Ord.	$1.65
Fraser & Neave Ltd Ord. 7½% cum. pref	$6.60
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	$630
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	7s 6d
Kempas Ltd.	$1.42
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	$1.89
Malayan Breweries	$3.50
New Serandah Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.30
Petaling Tin Ltd.	$3.97 xd
Raffles Hotel	$2.45
Singapore Cold Storage	$1.63
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	$26.00
Straits Trading	$22.25
Straits Steamship	$13.60
United Engineers Ord.	$10.80
Wearne Bros.	$2.62

—China Mail Special.

London Stock Market

London, May 12.

Stocks continued to idle in dull dealings today as traders held to the path of caution in view of the approaching election.

The undertone was firm, however, and there was some late covering which boosted prices a bit.

The Gilt-edged were steadier than in recent sessions, with several leaders moving in response to the decision to leave the bank rate unchanged.

Industrials were highly irregular but there was considerable buying of specialties on individual dividend and earnings announcements.

Oils generally were easier. Copper shares declined.

There was renewed interest for German issues and Japanese issues improved fractionally after early easiness. Chinese bonds, however, were lower.

Dollars stocks moved lower in line with Wall Street.—United Press.

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"BRADEVERETT"	—,— June 14	—,— June 15
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"STAR ARCTURUS"	—,— Aug. 20	—,— Aug. 21

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"STAR ALCYONE"	Arr. May 14	Sails May 14
"LAO"	—,— June 8	—,— June 9
"STAR BETELGEUSE"	—,— June 24	—,— June 25
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A Warrior At Peace

FRANK is a short, lean man, and his gnomish features suggest the kind of irrepressibility that would make him a good companion to have on hand in a tight corner.

So those who fought alongside him in the Navy may have found in the 1914-18 war. For Frank took part in several famous battles and left the Navy when that war was over with a character marked "Very good."

Adventure suited him and soon after becoming a civilian again he signed for a soldier and saw eight years of service, mostly in India.

PERILOUS SEAS

BY the time he came home from the East his love for life in the forces had evidently spent itself. For the second time he embarked on the perilous and, to him, hardly charted seas of civilian life. By now he had in his pocket a second document testifying to his good character.

He hardly gave his testimonials a chance to prove their value. Within a matter of weeks of leaving the Army, Frank was charged with canteen breaking and found guilty.

It was that day and not all the good years that had gone before that set the tone for the years that followed.

PRISONER

FOR the one conviction led to another, and Frank put out of sight and out of mind—the scruples the Services had bred in him. He took to drinking, too, and joined the seedy company of those who dwell on the wrong side of the law, and are failures even in crime.

Then war came again. On September 2, 1939, Frank rejoined his old corps.

At Dunkirk he was captured, and he spent some years as a prisoner of war before he contrived to escape, through Russia. He was six months in hospital after that, and by the time he was discharged the war had ended.

DRIFTING

FRANK put on his demob, suit and joined up again with the drifters and the drinkers he had known before the war. He did casual work when it came his way, and from time to time found himself in court charged with some petty crime. He was sent to prison and was freed, committed another crime and was sent back again.

The other day Frank made his ninth appearance in the dock.

He was charged with loitering with intent to steal from cars, and though he insisted that this was a case of mistaken identity, the magistrate, Mr K. J. P. Barraclough, found the case proved.

The police told Frank's life story, and when it was done, the magistrate ordered Frank to have a talk to the probation officer.

'IT WASN'T ME'

"AS far as I can see," said the probation officer, when he brought Frank back, "this man has been working as a bedmaker at a hostel, but he gave the job up. I think he prefers to prowl about the streets."

"You don't think there's much you can do?" asked the magistrate. The probation officer shook his head.

"What do you want to say?" Mr Barraclough asked Frank.

"Only it wasn't me the officers saw," Frank said.

"It's a pity, you know," said the magistrate, "but in the last few years you've gone right down hill. You must stop this drinking, you know. Go to prison for six months."

Frank nodded and grinned and went off. No sign of dismay showed in his face, no sign of the dissolute, drifting years, only the philosophy of a man who was irrepressible.

Storm In A Teacup?

Washington, May 13.

United States officials here are reacting calmly to the latest "crisis" with Japan resulting from the firing of American 155-m practice shells over the heads of villagers on the slopes of Mount Fuji.

As the Departments of State and Defence authoritative sources made it known, they regarded the incident as a storm in a teacup despite its regrettable effect of arousing Japanese nationalist elements.

They said they expected the storm to blow itself out without any real damage of Japanese-United States relations which, after undergoing considerable stress this year, were now showing definite signs of improvement.

The officials added that Washington had no intention of intervening but was leaving its military commanders in Tokyo to attempt to smooth ruffled Japanese feelings.

The sudden demonstrations against artillery practice in an area long occupied as a range by United States and Japanese forces, has surprised Washington which believes the incident is being used by nationalist groups to fan anti-America sentiment.—China Mail Special.

Children Crawl Over Whales

Wellington, May 12.

The New Zealand Marine Department today ordered 17 stranded killer whales to be shot after children had been crawling on their backs.

The whales, with three-foot jaws, were stranded on Paraparaumu beach resort 30 miles north of Wellington.—China Mail Special.

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SHOWED INDECENT FILM

Pleading guilty through his counsel, to showing an indecent film, Wong Kam-tak, 41, a merchant of 411 Lockhart Road third floor was fined $250 by Mr Y. H. Poon at Central this morning.

Two other defendants a man, Chan Chi, 32 of 547 Hennessy Road, ground floor, and a woman, Cheung Fung-ling 24 of 34 Sai Street, first floor, charged with aiding and abetting with the offence, pleaded guilty and were each fined $100.

All the three defendants were represented by Mr Y. H. Chan (Lau, Chan and Ko).

The prosecution was conducted by Det. Sub-Insp C. F. Harbert of Police Headquarters, who told the Court that on April 22, two Police detectives under instructions went to 547 Hennessy Road, ground floor, cockloft where they paid $2 each to gain entrance to see a film show. After watching the film for some time the two Policemen stopped the show and revealed their identity and DSI Harbert entered with a Police warrant.

The Police found four Chinese males inside and seized 25 rolls of films, one projector, one transformer, $11.60, a screen and five chairs. Later under a separate warrant the Police went to first defendant's address and found five more rolls of films. All three defendants were taken to the station.

DSI Harbert told the Court that they found 18 out the 30 rolls of films seized were grossly indecent.

Mr Poon in fining the defendants ordered the 18 rolls of films to be confiscated but the other 12 rolls of films, screen, $11.60 and the chairs to be returned to the first defendant.

Wife Of Ambassador Visits HK

A soft American voice over the house telephone said "I'm a small lady in a green dress, tell me what you are like."

Five minutes later Mrs J. P. Kennedy, wife of a former American Ambassador to London, was moving gracefully between tables in the foyer of the Peninsula Hotel, hunting for the China Mail reporter.

She found him. Sat down and asked for iced water to drink "because of a diet," and then she told of her world tour with her pretty niece, Miss Mary Gargan.

The tour has consisted of a trip around the United States visiting a large scattered family of children, ending with her daughter Pat in Los Angeles. Pat is the wife of the British film actor Peter Lawford. It was her mother's first visit since the birth of a grandson.

FETED EVERYWHERE

Then Mrs Kennedy and Mary set out for Honolulu, and Japan—swimming, shopping, and being feted by Governors and Ambassadors. For Mary, a better training as the wife of a future American diplomat could not be devised.

They arrived in Hongkong on the 9th, and leave tomorrow for Siam. Today they lunch with the Governor Sir Alexander, and Lady Grantham, and have tea with United States Consul-General Mr Drumright.

The shopping....Chinese lace and brocades. Next stops.... Siam, New Delhi, Paris. Mr J.P. Kennedy is to meet them in Paris where he is engaged in work for the latest Hoover Commission.

General Sugden Back From Macao

Lieut-General C. S. Sugden, Commander British Forces, Hongkong, returned early this morning in HMS Opossum from a two-day official visit to Macao. General Sugden was accompanied by Mrs Sugden and his Military Assistant, Major G. Fowke.

Midwives Board

The following have been appointed by H. E. the Governor to be Members of the Midwives Board for a term of three years, it was announced in the Government Gazette today: Prof. Gordon King, Miss Bessie Thom, Miss Kitty Lam, Dr Christina Chow Po-wong.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"This paper route is just a steppingstone, Mrs Adams! I'm buying railroad and oil shares to make a killing!"

Steam Tug Ordered Sold By Bailiff

An order for the steam tug Lenabay to be sold by the bailiff was made by Mr Justice J. Wicks in the Supreme Court this morning when he awarded judgment for $27,459.23 and costs to A. P. Pattison and Co. Federal Inc., USA.

This firm brought a claim against the tug for supplies and repairs to her between October 1951 and May last year.

The plaintiff firm was represented by Mr. Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr J. T. Prior. The claim was heard in the absence of representatives of the tug.

Mr Cheung asked for an order for sale without appraisement, which, he said was an expensive matter. The tug was worth at the most $30,000, this value being as scrap only.

The accountant of Pattison and Co. in Hongkong, Mr Yung Tsun-chen, produced the accounts for the supplies and repairs.

UNPAID BALANCE

He said that his firm were the managing agents of Henry Lanaghan and Sons of Belfast and managed the Lenabay for them. The total disbursement for supplies, repairs and wages amounted to $548,290.45 but the owners have sent remittances leaving a balance unpaid of $27,459.23.

Mr Yang said that his company received a firm offer for the tug of $21,000 in April.

After the Judge had given judgment for the amount claimed, Mr Cheung applied for the order for sale by private contract or public auction, submitting that it was not necessary in this case to file a separate motion.

The Judge granted this application and also gave the plaintiffs the costs.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Children's Half Hour—"The Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame Adapted by May Jenkin. Part 5—"Toad's Adventures" (BBCTS); 6.30, "May I sing to You" Eddie Fisher with Hugo Winterhalter and his Orch.; 7, Set to Your Partners; 7.30, "Viewpoint" A Weekly Magazine devoted to the Arts Edited and Introduced by Janet Tomblin Books: Reviewed by Mary Vinck, "Flute of Asoka" by R. Foster, "Brothers in Law" by Henry Cecil, "The Man from the Sea" by Michael Innes, Dagmar Von Bernstorff and Diether Ebeler talk about Vietnamese Music; 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and the News (London Relay); 8.09, Appeal for Aberdeen Trade School by Father Martin (Recorded); 8.12, The 1955 British Industries Fair. A Report on the Hongkong Stand by Max Robinson (Recorded); 8.30, London Studio Melodies. Lew Stone and his Orchestra (BBCTS) With Ernie Locket, Benny Wright, Bryan Johnson and Dave Fullerton; 9, Time Signal. Music Lovers' Hour—Classical Requests presented by Aileen Dekkar (Studio): 10, Boulevard Cafe; 10.15, Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (Recorded London Relay): 10.30, Record Roundabout. With signature Tunes of Popular Bands; 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal. Radio News Reel (London Relay): 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

Port Executive

Lt-Col. R. Coggan has been appointed by H.E. the Governor to be a Member of the Port Executive Committee, vice Major T. R. Gascoigne, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Memorial To The Bishop's Son

Sir,—As reported in the press of the 9th inst., Joc Hall met with a motor accident and died in England on May 6.

The eldest son of the Right Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, and Mrs Hall, Joc was for some years educated at the Diocesan Boys's School. During the war he saw service with the Royal Air Force and after demobilisation read science at London University. At the time of his death he was in charge of a physics laboratory dealing with electronic components for the Plessey Company.

Friends who wish to remember him propose to found a small bursary in physics at the new St John's College at the University.

Donations for this purpose may be sent to either of the undersigned or the South China Morning Post.

Some friends have already given to St Christopher's Home at Taipo and these gifts and any others so marked will be used for a hobby room for the boys.

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3 Driving Offences

For driving a private car without a licence, without the owner's consent and without a third party insurance policy, 26-year-old Tsang Tin-po was fined a total of $625 or two months and five weeks by Mr T. Creedon at Kowloon this morning.

Tsang was caught driving the car in a "wobbling manner" in Makawwei Road early this morning.

Another defendant, Chung Bing-chuen, 22, student, was also fined $625 for identical offences. Chung was arrested in Chung On Street, Tsun Wan, yesterday.

The Chairman of the Urban Council has appointed the following to be authorised inspectors for the purposes of the Emergency (Resettlement Areas) General Rules of 1952, it was announced in the Government Gazette today: Messrs Wong Yau-kwan and U Yet-ming.

Damage To Lighters Claim: Defence Case

The Defence version of what they said occurred in a bay of Kowloon Wharves when one of their lighters broke adrift during a typhoon early on the morning of September 2, 1953, was given by Mr John McNeill, QC, before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Supreme Court this morning, when he continued his opening in the claim for damages brought by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd, against Wang Kee and Co., stevedores and merchants.

Plaintiffs are claiming damages totalling $70,533.15 from defendants arising from the sinking of four of their lighters and damage to three others during the typhoon of September 2, 1953. Plaintiffs alleged negligence on the part of defendants whereby lighters belonging to defendants were adrift and bore down and collided with plaintiffs' lighters.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr T. A. Shurlock, instructed by Mr R. A. Wadeson, of Messrs Deacons, are appearing for plaintiffs, and Mr John McNeill, QC, Mr Leslie Wright and Mr Victor Gittins, instructed by Mr Y. K. Kan, of Messrs Lo and Lo, are representing defendants.

Mr J. P. Hewitt, Senior Surveyor of Ships, Marine Department, is sitting with Mr Justice Gregg as Assessor.

Mr McNeill, who opened his case yesterday when he detailed the events which defendants said occurred in the Nellore bay of Kowloon Wharves, continued his address this morning. He first corrected a remark he made earlier that the No. 1 lighterman of defendants' lighter Dolley had, after or at the time No. 5 typhoon signal went up, telephoned defendants' offices for assistance. He said the lighterman telephoned after the signal was hoisted.

Dealing with the events in the Citos bay (the mv Citos was then berthed alongside Wharf No. 2 North), Counsel said three of defendants' lighters, Wangley, Shingley and Karley, and a junk the Tailey, were moored alongside Citos. Ahead and behind these craft were lighters belonging to the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.

JUNK SINKS

Some time about 3.30 a.m. the Tailey sank, said Mr McNeill. The lighterman of the Karley would tell the Court that between 4 and 5 a.m. the ropes of the Karley began breaking. About 5.30 a.m. lighter No. 13 of China Provident broke adrift. The lighterman of No. 13 had already given evidence that "by some strange and wonderful manoeuvre his craft passed through a number of other vessels and fetched up in the exact position where he wanted it," Counsel commented.

"Our story is that this lighter broke away and struck Shingley, Karley and Wangley, and eventually all the ropes of Karley broke and the lighterman and crew abandoned Karley and ran on board the Citos. This was about 6 a.m. The lighterman went on to the Wharf and down to the Praya and watched the subsequent events. The Karley drifted down towards the Praya and eventually arrived at the Praya.

"He will say no actual collision took place between Karley and plaintiffs' lighters Nos. 41 and 62. That is an issue of fact which will be before the Court. It has been our case from the beginning that no collision in fact did take place. He will say that about 8 a.m. some Europeans directed the securing of Karley at the corner of Wharf No. 3 South. Some of Karley's crew took part in this securing operation.

POSITION CLEAR

"So much for the question whether actual collisions took place in both these bays. Our defence makes our position quite clear and that position has been consistent from the beginning. Paragraph 9 of our answer states: 'Defendants deny that any of the said collisions was due to any negligence on the part of defendants.' The negligence alleged in brief in both cases by plaintiffs is the failure to secure the lighters or mooring the lighters properly and failure to provide or summon proper assistance.

"The collision with lighter No. 22 and the alleged collisions with lighters 57 and 72, if they occurred, which is denied, were due to inevitable accident and the absence of coxswain and crew from Dolley in no way contributed thereto. What we are saying is that the crew of the Dolley—and we say the same in regard to Karley—were perfectly justified in abandoning Dolley in the circumstances of which your Lordship will be told.

"The question of negligence or contributory negligence on the part of plaintiffs becomes very important in the Citos bay because we are contending that if there was any prior negligence in the Citos bay, either because the lighters were not put away or properly secured, there was a substantial interval between that negligence and the time when Karley was in such a dangerous position vis-a-vis 41 and 62 that plaintiffs could and should have done something. If that is established that is the only negligence which caused the collision.

IMPROPERLY MOORED

As to contributory negligence in the Nellore bay, we say that they failed to moor the lighters properly, they failed in the alternative to remove them to a place of safety or alternatively to summon assistance or adequate assistance. It will probably not be necessary to call any evidence on the subject of the mooring of these lighters because I shall contend on the evidence given by the plaintiffs that they were not moored in a proper place, but in a dangerous place and therefore they should have taken adequate and immediate steps when No. 5 signal went up to remove these lighters or at any rate not to put three lighters, as their story goes, into that dangerous position after the hoisting of the typhoon signal.

"Your Lordship will appreciate we shall say that if they are so keen on the contention that our tug the Glorley should have taken one, or more than one, lighter away, we say why did you not do the same thing yourself with the Kowloon which remained inactive for three-quarters of an hour? Plaintiffs there have a two-edged saw.

"With regard to the Citos bay, of course, there was no collision alleged with any of the plaintiffs' lighters moored in the southeast corner. We say their failure in one and a half hours to remove their lighters to a place of safety either was the actual cause of the collision, the operating cause, or it contributed to the collision.

WHAT HE DID

"It is alleged against the defendants that they had a tug on duty which could and should have removed something—a lighter. We shall call the coxswain of Glorley with evidence as to what he did. Part of his evidence has, I think, already been outlined. He arrived at Kowloon about five or 10 minutes after 3 a.m. He will say he saw defendants' lighters and did try to get in to their assistance. The wind and the sea caused his tug to roll and although he attempted the manoeuvre of entering by going astern, he considered that to complete the operation would be very dangerous. He is a coxswain of experience and he then decided that the best thing he could do was to get the help of another tug of the defendants—two of which were lying in Yaumati typhoon shelter. When he got to the shelter he found a considerable press of small craft and could not actually go alongside the other tugs, the Yauley and Hailey. He crossed over to them via sampans, succeeded in rousing the crews and brought them back to the boys. All this took a considerable time, more than an hour. The wind by that time had risen considerably and another attempt was made to get in but without success.

PILOT AS WITNESS

"Capt. Wood (marine surveyor called as an expert by plaintiffs) has told the Court what he would do with a twin-screw ocean-going tug. We are calling a gentleman who has had many years practical experience on single-screw tugs in this harbour. He has 12-13 years' experience, and he has been a pilot for about 30 years. He is a Chinese gentleman by the name of Mr Lau Wah-shu. He does not at all agree with Capt. Wood's optimistic view. He will say that there was no doubt the operation in the weather conditions of that night of going into the bay and taking out a lighter was highly dangerous. You will appreciate what he says when you remember there was a large steamer lying alongside and at least 50 feet outside that were lighters, and you had less than half the width of the bay to operate in. The tug Glorley is 60 feet long and the area of manoeuvre was a very small one.

"The tugs off duty do not have their radio telephones in operation unless they are told that a typhoon signal is up. There was no way of getting hold of them. In a case like the present, where the No. 5 signal went up without any warning, they are not in radio communication. There is a tug on duty for normal purposes. If the No. 1 typhoon signal has been raised before the tugs went off duty, the position would have been different. There would have been the possibility of an emergency and they would have had radio communication."

The hearing is proceeding.

Appointed To Ex. Co.

H.E. the Governor, in accordance with instructions received from H.M. the Queen through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has appointed the Hon. Q. A. A. Macfadyen to be an Official Member of the Executive Council, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Other appointments gazetted were: Mr C. T. P. McDonald, Principal Industrial Officer, Prisons Dept., to be Acting Chief Officer (vice Mr Burns); Mr G. T. Rowe to be Chief Staff Officer, Civil Aid Service (vice Mr Morrison) in addition to his other duties; Mr T. Kavanagh, Inspector of Police, and Messrs R. A. J. Richardson, C. L. Scobell, P. F. Godber, Sub-Inspectors of Police, to be Acting Assistant Superintendents of Police.

VISITING HK

General Luang Chart Nakrob, Chairman of the Port Authorities of Bangkok, is at present a visitor in Hongkong. General Nakrob, who is here to study the Colony's port administration, toured the harbour in the company of a high-ranking Marine Department official in the Director of Marine's launch yesterday afternoon.

BIG SURPLUS IN FEBRUARY

A surplus of $7,180,524.06 was recorded during the month of February, according to the Government Financial Statement in the Government Gazette today.

Expenditure during the month totalled $29,196,838.08, while revenue came to $36,377,362.14. The general revenue balance, as at February 28, stood at $315,128,425.78.

Vice-Consul Given Recognition

H.H. the Governor has recognised Mr Kim Doo Whan as Vice-Consul for the Republic of Korea at Hongkong, it was announced in the Government Gazette today. This recognition is provisional and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

University Court

H.E. the Governor, under powers conferred on him by the University Ordinance, has reappointed the Very Rev. Father J. Carroll, SJ, and Mr E. G. Stewart to be Members of the Court of the University of Hongkong for a period of three years, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr Richard Firkins to be a Member of the Dangerous Goods Standing Committee, during the absence of Mr R. A. Wickerson, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.